

COMMENT OF THE DAY

Mr Malenkov's Big Anxiety

ONE of the most important factors in the international situation today—and yet one that is often overlooked—is the economic condition of the Soviet Union and its East European satellite countries. It is not easy to assess accurately, for accurate information is hard to obtain. Statistics are not revealed; and economic facts which in normal countries are public, are in the Communist societies, a State secret. But enough evidence is available to allow a general impression to be formed. And that impression is one of acute anxiety. Mr Malenkov's long speech to the Supreme Soviet, read carefully, shows the Government's intense concern with the shortage, not only of consumer goods, but of food. The most "urgent task" is that of "raising sharply the population's supply of foodstuffs and of manufactured goods," while M. Krushchev's directive to the Communist Party's Central Committee a month late drew a gloomy picture of the food situation. The gross agricultural output had only risen by ten per cent above pre-war level; which means that the available food supply per head of population is well below pre-war level. The production of grain, potatoes, vegetables and fodder is all too slow. The situation as regards cattle and livestock is worst of all; the number of cattle is actually diminishing—though the population to be fed is increasing.

ALL the Communist governments of Eastern Europe are, in fact, facing a serious economic crisis—a crisis of scarcity. Communism is failing to "deliver the goods," and the Communist leaders have come, a little belatedly, to realise the danger. There may at present be no apprehension of actual famine such as suffered by the Soviet Union in 1921, 1931 and 1946. But the "upsurge" of agricultural production, for which Mr Malenkov has called, is imperative. And there can be no upsurge of food production unless the peasants can obtain, in exchange for their crops, clothes and boots and the other things they want. Hence the promised drastic change in economic policy. Concentration on the development of heavy industry and the production of capital goods, an "industrialisation" which marked the Stalin era, is now seen to have been a mistake; or to have been carried too far. The economy that has been constructed is dangerously lopsided. The foundations have been dangerously neglected while a grandiose superstructure was being proudly erected.

NEVERTHELESS the change in economic policy has come and it is far and away the most important thing that has happened in the Soviet Union since the end of the war. What is interesting is how it affects the relationship of the Union to the non-Communist world. The change does seem to rule out any immediate possibility of Soviet aggression either against Western Europe or in the Middle East. But can it also be expected that the change will bring a new readiness on the part of Mr Malenkov and his colleagues to call off the "cold war," to adopt a more friendly attitude towards the West, and to allow the reunion of Germany on a free and democratic basis? There are no solid grounds for optimism in this respect, yet one thing is certain: during the coming months Mr Malenkov's actions and policies are going to be conditioned and determined by his anxiety over the economic condition of the Soviet Union.

NEW

Plane Crashes Into Four Houses

Long Beach, Calif., Jan. 12. An Air Force F-80 Sabre jet, piloted by a young man, crashed into a row of houses in residential Signal Hill today, killing five persons, including two women and a child, and demolishing four houses. The 600-mile-per-hour jet, on a routine training flight, exploded as it slammed into Raymond Avenue, sending chunks of burning debris smashing into houses along both sides of the street. Fires broke out over a two-block area. A sixth person, a male bystander who was not immediately identified, was reported to have died of a heart attack suffered as the plane rocked the neighbourhood. — United Press.

Los Angeles Shaken By 'Quake

Los Angeles, Jan. 12. An earthquake of apparently moderate intensity shook Los Angeles at 3.35 p.m. PST today. The quake rocked buildings in a rolling motion for several seconds. The swaying earth motion was felt throughout the Los Angeles area, with reports coming in from Beverly Hills, Hollywood, Burbank, Southgate and other nearby communities that the quake was felt. In Riverside, 60 miles to the southeast of here, the quake also was felt as a rolling earth motion. In a preliminary report, seismologists at the California Institute of Technology at Pasadena, where the quake was also felt, said it appeared strong enough to have done some damage but they could not estimate the intensity until they knew its epicentre. Dr. Charles Richter, noted seismologist, said the Los Angeles area was not the centre of the quake. He said the possibility of damage could not be ruled out immediately if the epicentre were in a populated area.

NO DAMAGE
Long Beach, scene of a disastrous earthquake in 1933, also felt the tremor but reported no damage. San Gabriel Valley also reported the quake was felt. To the North, the Lancaster area reported that it was hit "hard" by the earth movement but there were no reports of damage.

Santa Barbara, where a strong earthquake did major damage in 1925, reported the quake was felt there, but neither the police nor the sheriff's office had any reports of damage. Ventura, about 60 miles north of Los Angeles, reported that the earthquake there snapped telephone lines, making a check for damage slow, but when a check was made it showed no damage other than the broken wires. — United Press.

Television Salvage Ship May Help To Locate Comet Wreckage

London, Jan. 12. The Admiralty salvage ship, Reclaim, with its unique underwater television equipment, has been offered to help locate the wreckage of the crashed BOAC Comet, the airline said tonight.

The Reclaim's television equipment was first used with success to locate the missing British submarine, Affray, which vanished with its crew of 75 in the English Channel in September 1951. The general location of the crashed Comet off Elba is known, but the exact spot has not yet been pinpointed. The Reclaim's television cameras might be able to find the wreck and help to examine it. The 1,700-ton ship, commanded by Lieutenant-Commander J.N. Bathurst, has a television camera mounted in a specially welded, water-tight compartment. It is operated by remote control. A BOAC official said tonight that the airline was "considering the offer."

"We are prepared to consider anything that will help us clear up the mystery of the Comet crash," he added. An early model of the television camera was used to locate the Affray at a depth of nearly 300 feet. New and more powerful cameras have now been fitted to the Reclaim. — Reuters.

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UK Expects To Send At Least £25m. Worth Of Goods

London, Jan. 12.

British businessmen are expecting to make trade arrangements with Russia shortly, to send £25 million to £40 million worth of goods, a spokesman for a group of 40 British businessmen said today.

They are re-doubling their efforts to get Soviet-bloc orders since the head of American Foreign Operations Administration, Mr Harold Stassen announced over the week-end that America was interested in more East-West trade.

About 40 British businessmen representing 16 companies have arranged to discuss trade with Soviet officials in Moscow and are waiting for Russia to give a date for their visit.

The spokesman for the group of British manufacturers, said Mr Stassen's statement was "the most important news from across the Atlantic for a long time."

"We have always felt that more trade would improve relations with Russia," the spokesman said. "America has been mainly responsible for determining what class of trade can be done with the East and it is a welcome sign now that

they plan to modify their restrictions on exports. But it also means competition in trade and we shall have to redouble our efforts."

"The Russians have agreed to let us name the date. All that remains now is for them to name the date. All the necessary travel arrangements can be made very quickly," the spokesman said. "It was estimated he said, that 'business arrangements' with orders totalling between £25,000,000 and £40,000,000 could result from the Moscow visit."

Peace Could Follow An Atomic Pact

Bonn, Jan. 12.

West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer told a parliamentary group of the Christian Democrat Union this afternoon that they could look forward to a period of peace, if an agreement was reached between the United States and the Soviet Union on the utilization of atomic energy.

He stressed, however, that this should not stop them from supporting the creation of the European Defence Community. European unity, he indicated, is the best means of ensuring peace in the world.

Adenauer added that the Western Powers had committed themselves firmly to representing at the Berlin conference the West German viewpoint on the re-establishment of a united Germany.

Finally, the West German Chancellor stressed that one of the most solid foundations of the German position was German-American friendship. He warned against any political sickness, which might compromise that friendship, as well as the close relations established with Britain and France.—France-Press.

Transfer Of War Criminal Sought

Bonn, Jan. 12.

The Social Democrat Bundestag member, Alfred Gieseler, has sent a letter to the four occupying powers, calling for the transfer to a hospital of former Admiral Erich Raeder, now imprisoned as a war criminal at Spandau Prison, Berlin, it was learned tonight.

Herr Gieseler stressed that Raeder was the oldest of the Spandau prisoners, and was seriously ill. To the Soviet High Commissioner, he pointed out that such a gesture before the Berlin conference would arouse the sympathy of all enlightened men.—France-Press.

Milan, Jan. 12.

Five zebras escaped from a circus van during loading operations at the railway station here today.

The circus was at the time being put on to a train. Three of the animals were captured after a frantic chase. Two jumped from the embankment to a main highway, and one was killed in the attempt. The other met death when a car ran into it.—France-Press.

"ENORMOUS MARKET"

"We regard Russia as a good potential market,"

"We hope the United States will now match words with deeds and agree to the removal of a lot of embargo on which there has long been a diversion of views," the spokesman said.

He emphasised, however, that competition in East-West trade was the most important consideration and that a modification of American restrictions would mean that greater competition was in prospect.

The spokesman for another representative body of businessmen said that discussions with Communist China's official import and export organisation were expected to be resumed soon, probably in Berlin.

Representatives of this group visited Peking in July last year and made contracts with the Chinese authorities for trade valued at £15,000,000 each way.

SENSELESS BANS

The Board of Trade has not yet granted licences for some £8,000,000 worth but a modification of trade restrictions could make these quickly available, the spokesman said.

The Financial Times commented on the prospects for East-West trade in an editorial today and said that some of the bans on exports to the Soviet bloc did not make sense.

It said that the American Battle Act was an "unsatisfactory device, wholly inappropriate for a group of allies co-operating to prevent a potential enemy from acquiring the means of waging war" and urged that its restrictions should be modified and brought up to date.—United Press.

Machines Serve Sweets At Tube Stations

Seven hundred "silent salesmen" are serving Londoners again after a gap of 12 years. They are the chocolate and sweet machines on Underground stations and at the big termini.

Since the end of sweet rationing the machines have been gradually returning to business.

Chocolate is selling in 3d. and 6d. slabs, the smaller ones being slightly larger than the penny bars sold before the war.

It is still possible to buy from the machines for a penny. "Our sales range from a penny packet of chewing gum to a shilling packet of five cigarettes, including a packet

Schuman Says France Must Sign EDC

Paris, Jan. 12.

The former French Foreign Minister, M. Robert Schuman, said today that if France rejected the European defence community, America might remove her troops from Germany, and form an alliance directly with Bonn.

Speaking at the Anglo-American press luncheon in Paris, M. Schuman declared that supporters of the European defence community in all the French political parties, except the Communist Party, were going to begin a national campaign to have the EDC treaty ratified.

He asserted that there was no alternative to the EDC, and cried down any idea of ratifying it and at the same time cutting out some of the clauses contained in it. He considered it was possible to imagine "a European armaments pool".

He added: "If you leave the control of troops under national jurisdiction, however, you will then have a German staff, a German War Ministry, and the consequent attempts at restoring German military traditions, with the consequences which we all know only too well."

In reply to questions about the recent statements in Paris of United States Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, M. Schuman asserted that the French people "fear the withdrawal of U.S. troops from Europe more than a direct American-German agreement."

He added: "What is most feared is that America may decide to withdraw, and resort to what is called peripheral strategy."—France-Press.

Provence, Southern France, Jan. 12.

Two Frenchwomen, Jacqueline Mathie and Marthe Garlin, today broke the women's world record for flights in two-seater gliders by playing aloft for nearly 29 hours. Taking turns at the controls of their Fouga-CM-7, they circled above the airport here to beat the old mark of 28 hours and 41 minutes set in 1951 by Marcelle Chaisnet.—Reuter.

70lb Haggis Going To America

Prestwick, Scotland, Jan. 12.

The world's biggest haggis weighing over 70 pounds is to be flown to America from here on Thursday.

The Scotch haggis — once described by national bard Robert Burns as "great chieftain of the pudding (pudding) race" — is mainly made of chopped onions and sheep intestines.

The giant haggis is being sent to America by the Scottish tourist board as part of its publicity campaign. — China Mail Special.

4-Power Talks Site May Have Been Decided

Berlin, Jan. 12.

The representatives of the United States, Britain, France, and the Soviet Union will hold a meeting at the headquarters of the French military command tomorrow, the fourth in the present series of talks designed to prepare for the foreign ministers' conference opening here on January 25.

Yesterday's meeting between General Timberman, United States, General Coleman, Britain, General Mancaux, France, and General Denigou, the representative of the Soviet High Commission, lasted 11 and a half hours.

However, despite the lack of precise information in the communiqué issued after each of these talks, it was understood that the representatives of the four powers had probably succeeded in settling the question of the place where the conference will take place.

It was pointed out in this connection that while the first communiqué said the question of the location had been discussed, the two others failed to mention the issue. They merely referred to the questions remaining to be thrashed out.

Some of them have already been settled, it was believed here, including the question of security and press accreditations.

FRANCE'S PROMISE

Vienna, Jan. 12.

The French government has promised Austria that at the forthcoming big four conference, it will do everything possible to hasten the conclusion of an Austrian state treaty, and thus to satisfy Austria's "legitimate aspirations." It was announced tonight.

The French government statement was contained in a note to the Austrian government released here. This note was a reply to an appeal made by Austria last week for an effort at the Berlin conference towards final settlement of the Austrian question.

The French note said that the French Government had continued to devote its efforts to the restoration of Austrian sovereignty and independence.

France had always considered, that the restoration of the independence and sovereignty of Austria would be a major contribution to the "stability of Europe and the consolidation of peace," the note said.

It was learned that the United States had sent a similar note to Austria, and that Britain in its note expressed the view that the Austrian and German questions should be treated separately.—France-Press.

Queen Wears Her Coronation Gown In New Zealand

Wellington, Jan. 12.

Queen Elizabeth dazzled New Zealanders today with changes of costume—from splendour to splendour.

Opening the first sovereign over to do this here, she wore her white silk Coronation gown, embroidered with the emblems of Britain and the Commonwealth countries.

Tonight, presenting New Year and other honours to 130 men and women at the Wellington Town Hall, she wore a regal full-skirted evening dress of gold and silver lace with a brilliant array of diamonds in a "clasp" necklace, earrings and bracelet.

On the table backed with flowers, she bestowed the accolade on three new knights.

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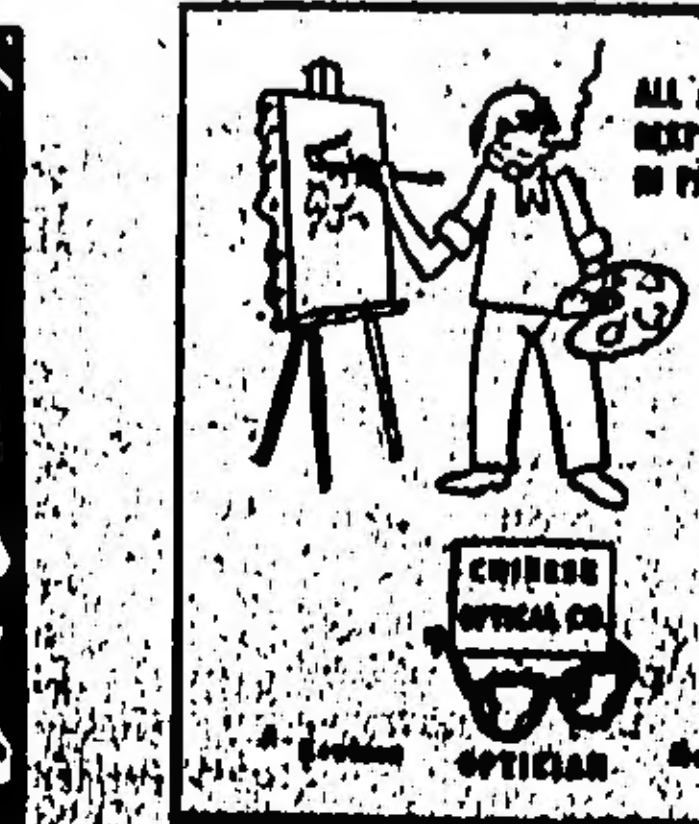
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New Research Plan For Atomic Power In UK

SEPARATE BODY TO BE SET UP

An important change in the British Government's atomic research policy is expected soon with the creation of an independent corporation for research into peaceful and industrial uses of atomic energy. This was learned from informed sources in London last night.

Big firms such as I.C.I. are expected to be included in the British corporation.

A week ago, in New York, Atomic Energy Commissioner Eugene Zuckert said that the US Government must maintain control over atomic production "so long as this world exists in troubled half-peace."

He told the 58th Congress of American Industry that "fissionable material is an essential resource of our national defence and must be used in the national interest."

London, Jan. 12. British atomic research is expected to undergo radical changes with the creation soon of an independent national corporation for research into peaceful and industrial uses of atomic energy, informed sources said here tonight.

It was understood that the government was preparing a bill to set up such an organisation, which would allow the inclusion of big private companies, including the Imperial Chemical Industries.

It was believed that the participation of private industry in the government organisation, either directly or indirectly, would help diminish budget expenditures for the industrial uses of atomic energy.

Admiral Blandy Dead

New York, Jan. 12. Retired Admiral William H. P. Blandy, who commanded the first testing of atom bombs against warships at Bikini in 1946, died in hospital here today aged 63.

He suffered a stroke on Sunday.

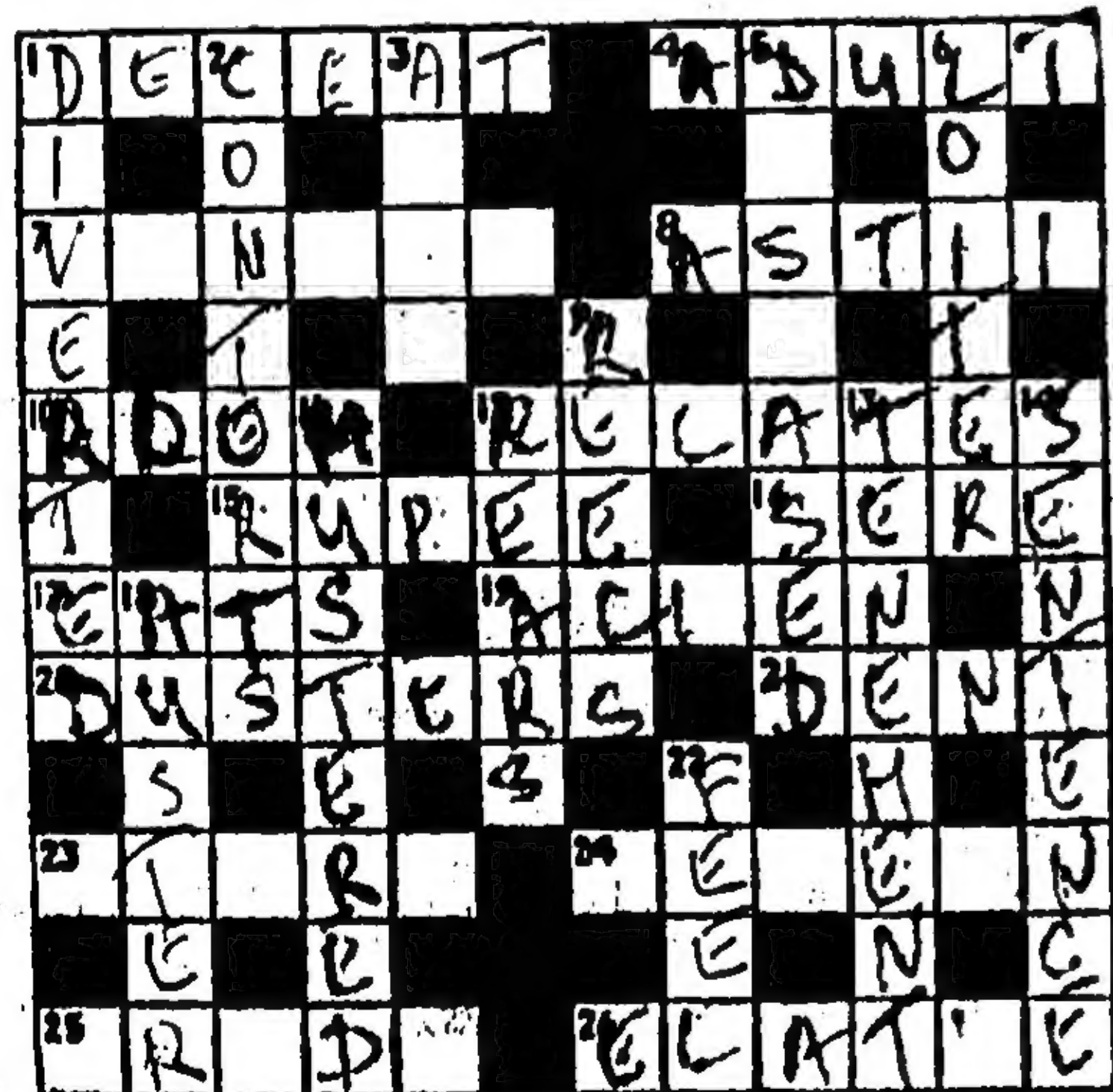
For three years before his retirement in 1950, Admiral Blandy was commander-in-chief of the Atlantic Fleet with headquarters in Norfolk, Virginia.

A top-rank gunnery expert, his first love was the battleship and its broad steady decks which made possible the precise science of naval gunfire.

He watched that gunfire during huge amphibious landing operations he conducted in the Pacific and in "softening up" heavily fortified Japanese islands.

Yet he took a fleet of ships to Bikini in 1946 and watched the science of naval gunfire go up in a mushroom cloud of smoke. —Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 1 Cheat (6).
- 2 Grown-up (5).
- 3 Foul tenant (6).
- 4 On the move (5).
- 5 Space (4).
- 6 Tels (7).
- 7 Indian coin (5).
- 8 Withered (6).
- 9 Commence (5).
- 10 Foreign (6).
- 11 Cleaning cloths (7).
- 12 Dextrous (4).
- 13 Hasten (6).
- 14 Conduct oneself (6).
- 15 Den (3).
- 16 Happy (6).

DOWN

- 1 Amused (8).
- 2 Twists out of shape (8).
- 3 Fibber (4).
- 4 Looked down on (6).
- 5 Hang around (6).
- 6 Stagnate (6).
- 7 Assembled (6).
- 8 Things up (6).
- 9 Apartment house (8).
- 10 Judgment pronounced (8).
- 11 Noble (6).
- 12 Touch (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD. Across: 1. Mollusks, 2. Doom, 3. Repeated, 4. Promises, 5. Free, 6. Rattle, 7. Delay, 8. Acid, 9. Protracted, 10. Distance, 11. Afloat, 12. Hearings, Down: 1. Adept, 2. Colon, 3. Scattered, 4. Odds, 5. Sues, 6. Sinner, 7. Sudden, 8. Fruit, 9. Melon, 10. Tatters, 11. Lavish, 12. Rains, 13. Fraud, 14. Adder, 15. Fast, 16. Span.

Honeymoon For Jose Ferrer



America's latest singing success Rosemary Clooney arrives at London Airport with her famous husband, actor Jose Ferrer. Miss Clooney leaped to fame with her recording of "Come on-a my house" which sold over 900,000 discs. This trip is a belated honeymoon, for Rosemary became the third wife of Jose Ferrer six months ago.—Express Photo.

Scotland Yard Studying A New Plan:

"Use X-rays To Identify Unknown Victims"

A new method of identification may develop from a theory now being examined by Scotland Yard experts according to latest reports from London. It is identification by means of X-ray photographs.

The idea has been put forward by a young Scotland Yard CID officer, Detective-sergeant George Williams.

Detective-sergeant Williams has written a 5,000-word "blue print" of his scheme. It has been handed to the authorities who are studying it.

The plan is based on the accepted theory that the bone structure of every human being is different. Like fingerprints, X-ray photographs of a person's bone structure would be as accurate a guide to their identity as fingerprints.

INVALUABLE. They would be invaluable in identifying the remains of unknown murder victims.

Just as detectives can call on dentists' files to trace a denture in an attempt to identify a body, so they would be able to refer to the millions of X-rays being taken throughout Britain in health checks and other examinations.

Before he joined the police, Detective-sergeant Williams—who is to be promoted to the rank of inspector—was a medical student. With his knowledge gained during the period he became interested in the theory he has now developed. —London Express Service.

US Will Not Heed Soviet Protests

Washington, Jan. 12. Authoritative American sources today described as "entirely without foundation" reports appearing in Tel-Aviv that the United States would postpone its military plans for Pakistan and Iraq because of Soviet protests to the proposed recipients.

It was pointed out that Soviet protests would be the least likely of any to have an effect on American plans to bolster the strength of the strategic Middle East.

The only protests so far have come from India and Israel and the Israeli complaint—have never been given formal voice.

Israeli representatives here have managed to convey to high American officials in informal talks their Government's concern and displeasure over the proposed Pakistan-Iraq-Turkey-Arabia alignment and United States military aid but have made no formal representations yet.

India's objections have been voiced by the Prime Minister, Mr. Jawaharlal Nehru.—United Press.

Dog Caused Her Death

London, Jan. 12. Seventy-year-old Mrs. Grace Goff, of Addington, Surrey, was killed by her dog here today.

The dog opened a defective gas tap in her kitchen, and caused her death.—France-Press.

Haile Selassie To Visit USA

Addis Ababa, Jan. 12. Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia has accepted an invitation by President Dwight Eisenhower to visit the United States, the Ethiopian Foreign Ministry announced tonight.

This will be the first time that an Ethiopian sovereign has visited the United States.

The emperor is expected to stay in Washington for several days, and then to travel around the country. The date for the trip will be decided later.—France-Press.

Destroying Weeds By Electricity

Destruction of weeds by electrocution may become a possibility as a result of experiments being made by the Electrical Research Association.

Mr. F. Coleman, a Royal Agricultural Society Lecturer, spoke at a meeting in London today of the Institution of British Agricultural Engineers about his own experiments.

"Comparatively small electric currents flowing through a plant from an electrode to the earth can kill a variety of weeds," Mr. Coleman said.

"A suitable and safe technique is to discharge a condenser of some ten microfarads charged to 800 volts through the plant and the lethal current seems to be of the order of ten milliamperes."

While experimenting, Mr. Coleman said, it is "too early to

Commonwealth Finance Ministers' Talks:

AUSTRALIA HAS NEW PLAN TO BYPASS GATT

After yesterday's session of the Commonwealth Finance Ministers' Conference in Sydney, Australia, news agencies reported these developments:

• The Australian Prime Minister, Mr. R. G. Menzies, has proposed a plan to bypass the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade without breaking GATT's "no new preference rule"—so far only supported by Ceylon.

• Trade in non-war materials with Russia, Communist China and other Soviet satellites is likely to be encouraged.

• Newspaper correspondents covering the conference have criticised the Press communiques being issued at the end of each session describing them as "platitudes, meaningless statements and vague figures".

Sydney, Jan. 12. Reuter reported that only Ceylon has so far supported a plan of the Australian Prime Minister, Mr. Menzies, to bypass the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade without breaking GATT's "no new preference rule". (The 1947 GATT agreement left untouched the imperial preference system by which Commonwealth nations give favoured treatment to each other's goods but laid down that no new imperial preferences could be agreed).

Though there has been no concrete discussion at the conference on other GATT or imperial preferences, it is clear that the conference will not support any move to try to alter GATT's provisions.

Australian officials believed the new plan, which aims at direct deals between governments in the Commonwealth area is a fairly simple way of getting around the problem.

DOLLAR WHEAT. An example cited was that India is now buying dollar wheat at a price lower than Australia's. At the same time Australia has unsaleable amounts of wheat available at 16/6d (Australia) a bushel.

Australian officials believe that should Australia go elsewhere to buy some commodity produced by India then despite disparity in price, it would be advantageous to both parties and to the struggle a government to government exchange with necessary financial adjustment.

The plan still in its formative stage, has not been talked over as a concrete proposal yet by the finance ministers and is not on their conference's agenda.

But Australian officials are hopeful that it would lead to discussions between various Commonwealth nations at a later stage.

COMMONWEALTH TRADE. The Sydney telegraph news-papers "The Sun" and "The Herald" said that trade in non-war materials with Russia, Communist China and other Soviet satellite countries is likely to be quietly encouraged after the conference, according to United Press.

Satellite countries had not been specifically mentioned at the conference here, The Sun said. The Finance Ministers, however, were said to be in agreement that non-dollar and non-sterling trade should be given equal importance with dollar earnings. The Russian satellite bloc falls within the classification.

Reuter reported: wider publicity may be given to the conference after a joint protest today by Australian and Overseas pressmen covering the meeting.

It was learned authoritatively that Commonwealth ministers will be approached to allow summaries of documents that have been before them to be released for publication. It is also expected that after today's pro-

test which is on the highest level, Ministers may be more often available for press conferences. The Melbourne Herald's special correspondent at the conference told today the job of telling the people what the conference is doing had been "disastrously botched". All that had been offered to the press were "platitudes, meaningless statements and vague figures", he said.—Reuter and United Press.

U.S. Expert's View On W. Germany

Washington, Jan. 12. A "dangerously wide division in German social and economic life" threatens West Germany's promising start toward democracy, according to a private American expert on Government who recently visited the Federal Republic.

Louise Holborn, Professor of Government at Connecticut College for Women, warned that Chancellor Konrad Adenauer's electoral victory last September "does not of itself provide, nor does it assure, either a consolidation of democratic forces in Germany or the progress of the movement toward a more unified free Europe".

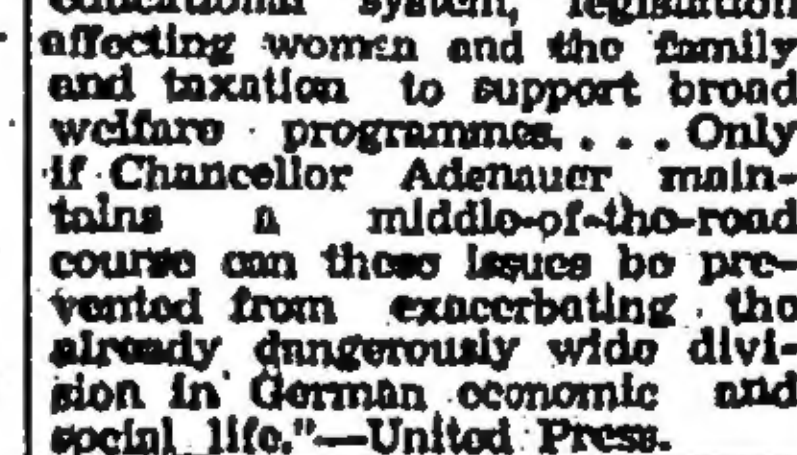
"All it does is to create the opportunity of building a foundation for the attainment of both these objectives," Mrs. Holborn wrote in the current issue of the Foreign Policy Bulletin. The Bulletin is published by the Foreign Policy Association, a private research organization popularly considered to be impartial.

"Germany's future is far from settled," wrote Mrs. Holborn. "In West Germany, as in France and Italy, there are deep-seated social and economic divisions which threaten the unity of the country. These are although only in part, reflected in the Party system, in the differences between the governmental coalition and the Social Democrats."

GREAT PRESSURE. A more unified free Europe cannot develop unless these divisions are bridged throughout Western Europe. In West Germany Adenauer has perhaps a good chance to undertake this task because of his present unassailable position in the legislature. At the same time, he is under great pressure from his rightist political allies to mould German life one-sidedly in the Christian Conservative tradition.

"The fields in which the greatest pressure is likely to be exerted are of paramount importance: the trade unions, the educational system, legislation affecting women and the family and taxation to support broad welfare programmes. . . . Only if Chancellor Adenauer maintains a middle-of-the-road course can these issues be prevented from exacerbating the already dangerously wide division in German economic and social life."—United Press.

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The Duchess of Windsor called me "Darling."
No one can take that away from me.
I may grow old and I may grow cranky.
I may be shrivelled, I may be fat.
The Duchess of Windsor called me "Darling."
What do you think of that?
What shall I care when I'm wearing ninety?
What shall I care when I'm ninety-one?
The Duchess of Windsor called me "Darling."
To hell with you all, I've had my fun.
Some day I must say good-bye forever.
When everyone says good-bye to me.
But the Duchess of Windsor called me "Darling."
"Oh, grave where is thy victory?"

Stars And You

NOW that Mrs. Cullen Moore is no longer writing, let Old Moore Gubbins, the discredited astrologer, take her place with a new feature.

According to the date of your birth here are your chances of romance.

Aquarius (Jan. 21-Feb. 19). Love could have come to you from an unexpected quarter to-day except for that filthy old that makes your nose so red. The man you might have married took one look at you and proposed to a healthy girl.

Pisces (Feb. 20-March 19). Beware of jealousy this week. The girl next door has told your boy friend all about the married man with a handle-bar moustache who took you to the pictures.

Aries (March 20-April 20). If he cancelled that dinner appointment last night it was not because he was busy sitting for his mother's sister. The baby he sat with was certainly some baby. Believe me.

Taurus (April 21-May 21). Your chances of marriage are spoiled because you will straighten a man's tie and dust his shoulders with your hand after five minutes acquaintance. He either thinks you have

marked him down too soon for the altar or that he has dandruff.

Gemini (May 22-June 22). Like all Gemini you are a girl with many personalities. A pity your men friends don't like any of them. And never will.

Cancer (June 23-July 23). You may appeal to older men, but by the time you charm works they are too old to make you a happy home. They are too old even for the Home Guard.

Leo (July 24-Aug. 23). Your planned holiday next year in France will not bring the new and exciting contacts you expect. Unless you call saying "Bon Jour" to the head waiter every morning an exciting contact.

Virgo (Aug. 24-Sept. 23). Ever heard of "When a man's married his troubles begin"? You're never likely to begin any trouble for anybody.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22). The postman's knock will never mean a love letter for you. It will always mean bills and nobody to pay them. But you, of course.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21). "Always a bridesmaid, but never a blushing bride" might have been written about you. You'll need all that sense of humour as the years roll by.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 20). As I see it your only chance of marriage is later on in life—probably with a bigamist.

Gentlemen in Retirement

DONE all the wife's shopping, old man?
I think I've got everything but the cauliflower.

All the same, you'd better look at her list. They get pretty nasty if you forget something.

I never take any chances. Everything ticked off as I buy it. I've done my grates and got in the coal. All I have to do now is go home and do the vegetables for lunch.

Well, even that's better than eating out, though I must say I enjoy a cafe lunch sometimes when the wife's away.

It's always a treat to sit down to a meal you haven't cooked yourself.

Very nice indeed, old man, if you're not eating in the same cafe as a Certain Person.

Mentioning a Certain Person with a big appetite, old man?

You know who I mean, old man. On this particular occasion I want to the cafe the day before and asked them to put Irish stew on the menu.

Your favourite dish, of course?

Apparently a Certain Person's favourite dish, too.

Do you mean to say he got to know about it?

Naturally, old man.

But how, old man?
By bush telegraph, I suppose. Anyway, you know he has nothing else to do in the morning but go round the town reading all the menus outside the hotels and cafes.

Last winter he caught a chill on the liver reading menus in a howling gale.

And I hope he gets another this winter. But there was no menu outside the cafe on this occasion, so he must have got the information from his secret agents. Unless he heard me talking about it in the hotel bar the day before.

That's more likely, old man. Anyway, as soon as I went into the bar before lunch he went out. At 12.30 p.m. sharp.

I know because I was looking at the clock at the time. At one o'clock I went to the cafe, ordered my Irish stew, and the waitress said there was hardly any left.

At one o'clock, old man? At five past, old man. But he couldn't have eaten the lot.

I don't know. But he certainly eaten all the best chops. And there he was, looking half giddy and half defiant, like a cat that had stolen the cream.

And what did you have, old man?

Two bones the size of your little finger, gravy and potatoes. There ought to be a law against it, old man.

You needn't worry about laws. Nemesis will catch up with him one day.

Burying his grave with his teeth, you mean?

That's my fondest hope. So long, old man.

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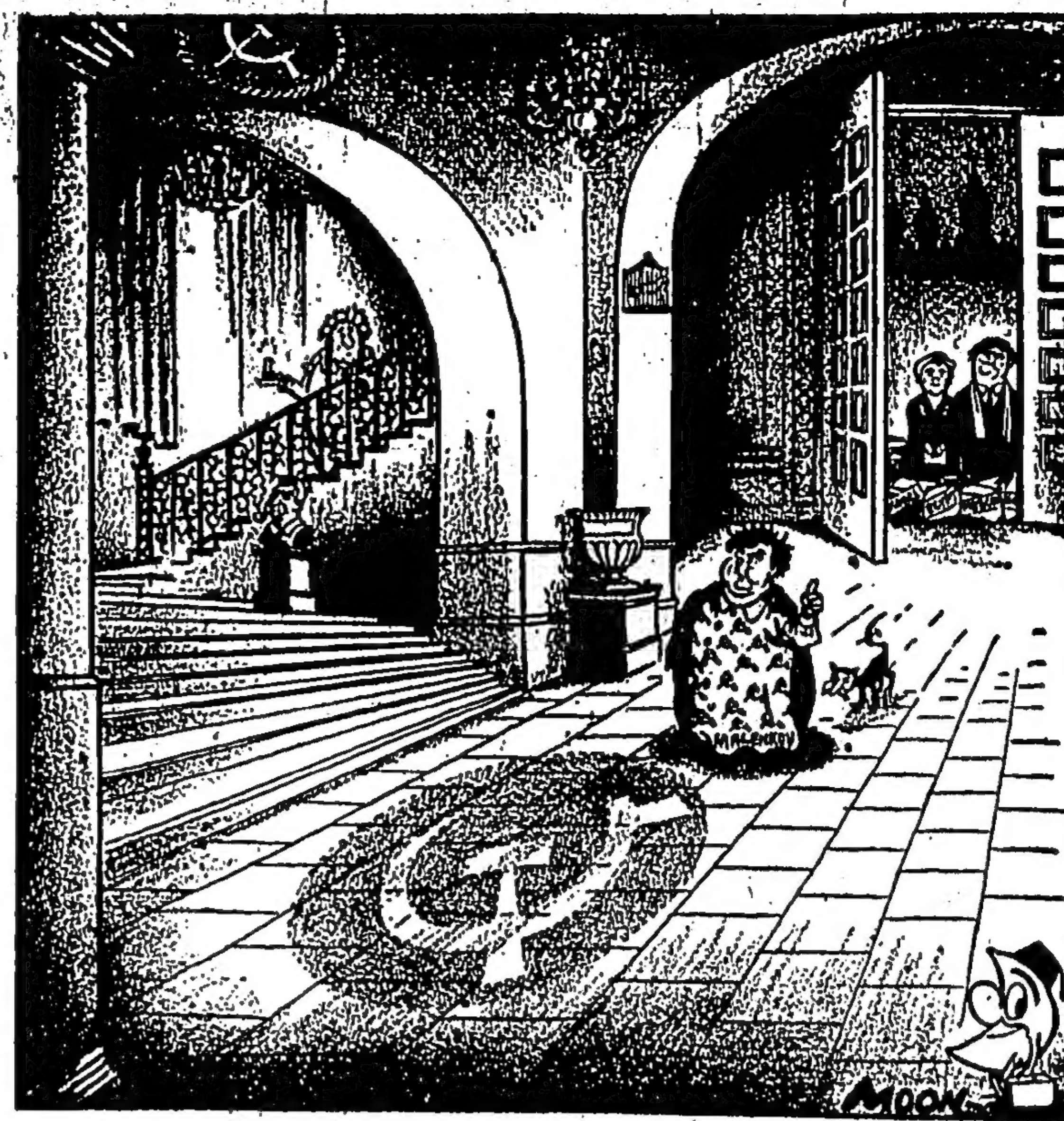
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'IT'S THE BEVANS. THEY WANT TO SPEND A WEEKEND WITH US NOW!'

THE WILD WEST COMES TO DEVON

By Allan Murray

SURROUNDED by lush meadows and apple orchards, Dartmoor marches for twenty desolate miles across the heart of rural Devon. It is a dreary wilderness in the middle of plenty.

Ask any Devonshire farmer whether he could make a living on the moor, and I'd lay a herd of fat dairy cows to a shrivelled elder apple he'd say no—unless he happened to be Ross Salmon.

This lanky, 31-year-old Englishman has his own answer. But he is no ordinary farmer.

After wartime service as a Fleet Air Arm pilot he spent five years in South America as a cowboy. Now he intends to try out in Devon what he learned about raising beef on the tropical uplands of Venezuela.

On the bleak, high face of Dartmoor, notorious for its fortress-like penitentiary.

Hard Work

ROSS Salmon is no millionaire. He expects his animals to roam the range in all weathers, finding their own food except when the ground is snow-covered. Then he will feed them hay.

"That'll be hard work for me and my cowboys," he said, "but it's real ranching, and I think it's worth trying."

Size of the ranch? On Dartmoor's Crown-owned

land he has secured grazing rights over 100,000 acres. This concession will cost him ten shillings a year for every beast he ranches on the moor. With luck, he believes he could eventually build up a herd of 1,000 head.

"They won't compete with the best beef animals," he admits, "but they would supply 300 tons of beef a year from land which now raises no beef at all. What's more, they would make me a living in the way I want to make one."

Can he succeed? Neighbouring farmers, who turn out their sleek dairy herds on the moor for only two months in the year, shake their heads and chuckle sceptically. But Ross Salmon is going ahead with his experiment.

Main problem is to find a breed of animal hardy enough to stay out in all weathers. Last summer Salmon bought a small 75-acre farm on the edge of the moor. Here he has been cross-breeding prime beef cattle—Herefords and Devon—with strains like the Galloway and the Highland, used to cold weather and sparse grazing.

First Tests

FIRST tests of these experiments will come this spring, when he turns out seven cows to calve on the open range. Reared by their mothers on the moor, he believes the cross-bred calves will be sturdier than any born and bred on dairy farms.

If they survive they will be the forerunners of his herd. If they perish in an especially early or harsh winter, he will try again.

For five years he means to keep on trying. "That's the amount of time it will take to prove me right or wrong," he says.

Meanwhile, he has been training his own cowboys. From hundreds of schoolboy applicants he selected twelve last summer to attend a camp on his farm. There he taught them the mysteries of the lasso and the stockwhip, showed them how to brand and round up cattle, how to cure sick animals and saddle-break the wild Dartmoor ponies they will use.

Recent appearances on BBC television programmes have brought him another 1,000 letters from budding Westerners. Says Ross-Salmon: "I shall only need three cowboys, but I want to pick the likeliest youngsters, so I shall hold another camp soon."

Keenly interested but non-committal is the Ministry of Agriculture. "Go ahead," its experts have told England's first cowboy, "and if you get results we shall try your methods."

Also interested is the Hereford, Hard Book Society, which has turned over to Salmon a pedigree heifer of this famous breed. Its value is £100 and, if it stands up to life on the range, it will be worth £200.

he buys it. If not, he pays nothing.

Reason for these cautious glimmers of official interest is that higher meat production, preached on all sides, demands the use of Britain's marginal land.

And there is a great deal of that. Not only in Scotland and Devon, but in the Peak District and large slices of the Midlands, in Sussex and Somerset, on the Yorkshire moors and the Welsh hills. Britain has millions of neglected acres too poor for the plough and uncropped by livestock.

Crazy Gamble?

EVEN in the cautious official view the Scottish Highlands alone could maintain 30,000 cattle, which would raise the country's beef supplies by 30,000 tons a year.

Is Ross Salmon's Dartmoor adventure a crazy gamble or a key to the unbroken possibilities of Britain's marginal land? "Wait and see" is the official reaction. And Ross Salmon has no fault to find with that, for he agrees that Dartmoor is a stiff challenge to his ranching know-how.

But he means business. And, if results depend on determination, Ross Salmon has what it takes.

In Venezuela he learned cow-punching the hard way, rose rapidly to ranch manager. In primitive Indian country, four days by mule ride from his nearest white neighbour, he reached 3,000 head of cattle.

Then his career came to a full stop when his light aeroplane crashed on a jungle airstrip. The pilot was killed and Salmon never expected to reach civilisation alive.

With a brain haemorrhage and fractured skull, broken jaw and smashed ribs, he was passed from one tribe of Indians to another before he reached a hospital a week later.

There his condition was so serious that the British Consul cabled for his family. But he survived and went home to spend a year in a London hospital.

"You will never do a full day's work again," the doctors told him. But they were wrong.

Never Busier

WITH a shy, Gary Cooper-type grin, Ross Salmon admits he has never been busier.

Since leaving hospital a year ago he has married, written two books about his South American experiences, and settled down to his latest ranching adventure.

"I prefer two feet in the stirrups to one in the grave," he says.

How high does he rate his own chances of making a livelihood from ranching?

"When I asked him this, he reminded me what people say when a convict escapes from Dartmoor Prison: 'He won't get far; the moor always wins.'"

"They say the same about me," he grinned "and of course they may be right."

But people said that about Everest, too.

FADING STARS

★ Once Mae Marsh was one of Hollywood's brightest stars. The other day she appeared on the screen again—in a tiny part in a big film. What has happened to the other once-famous stars? Here is a report from a man who went to find out.

by GUY AUSTIN

WHEN 20th Century Fox recently presented "The Robe" at Hollywood's greatest premiere in years, there were probably not 20 people in the audience—which included many of the surviving great names of early movies—who recognised an actress in the film playing a 60-second scene with Victor Mature.

She is Mae Marsh, star of the famous D. W. Griffith film, "The Birth of a Nation," and for years one of the biggest names of the silent pictures.

In "The Robe," Mae Marsh received no screen credit. Today she is doing bit parts at about £10 a day—when she gets the work. She is now Mrs Lee Arms, the mother of a 33-year-old daughter and a lawyer son.

Another once-famous actress, Mae Clarke (20 years ago she was the heroine of countless movies) came into the news recently when she was given a suspended sentence for having forgotten to report earnings of 30 dollars (about £13), while drawing unemployment compensation. Today she plays bit parts in TV movies.

"Things have got me down once in a while," she says, "but I can face anything. The big drop from star to bit player is something I can accept philosophically."

What about other great names of the silent movies, the survivors of Hollywood's lush and plush days?

Clara Bow, original "IT Girl," has been in a sanatorium at Santa Monica, California, for some years now. Married to former cowboy-actor Rex Bell, she is the mother of two sons, aged 19 and 15. She now sees no one but her family.

VAMP

Theda Bara, most famous "vamp" of the silent movies, lives quietly in Beverly Hills with her husband and former director, Liverpool-born Charles Brabin. She makes no public appearances, attends no premieres or social functions.

Recently, when a producer of TV films wished to talk to her about a possible appearance, it was reported that she remained on one side of the screen, while her interviewer sat on the other side. He never saw her.

The sad news is that Theda Bara is losing her sight.



MAE MARSH—when she starred.



THEDA BARA—first film star.

Fay Wray, petite star of the film "King Kong," was formerly married to writer John Monk Saunders, now is the wife of former director Robert Elkins. She played her last film role in Small Town Girl, a musical that starred 20-year-old Jane Powell.

Corinne Griffith, the Ava Gardner of her day, is married to George Marshall, millionaire owner of a baseball team. She spends her time now writing books. Colleen Moore is also married to a millionaire, Mr Homer Hargraves.

WITNESS

Mary Miles Minter, "a second Mary Pickford," was the central figure of Hollywood's most famous unsolved murder—that of director William Desmond Taylor, found dead in 1921 with a bullet in his heart.

She was the principal witness at the inquest. The scandal ended, her film career.

Forty years later Mary Miles Minter tried to come back. Some years ago she opened an interior decorator's shop in Beverly Hills. It failed. She now operates a similar shop at Laguna Beach.

Betty Byrne, the original "Queen of Sheba," is still listed in the professional directories, still hopes for roles. Pda Negri, who became a U.S. citizen, never appears in public, refuses to be interviewed, but has a home with a swimming pool in Beverly Hills.

Billie Dove, star in the '20s of "The Covered Wagon" and countless other films, does not try to cover up her greying hair, but is still beautiful. She is married to wealthy socialite Robert Kynaston, has a grown-up son and daughter.

Clara Kimball Young is still trying for parts and appears in small roles from time to time. Laura La Plante, once the original blond "Show Boat," has been married for many years to producer Irving Asher.

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THEY CALL HIM HIGHEST PRAISE AT Highbury

Many sportsmen have tough periods in their careers. Even the greatest stars have spells when nothing goes right, and they wonder whether it's all worth while.

But few have had the experiences of footballer Bill Dodgin. He has met with two bad spells in a year, overcome both, and he's only 22.

And just how successfully Bill has weathered the storms can be seen from his selection as captain of the "Young England" side, composed of players under 23, to play the Italians at Bologna on January 20.

Bill's troubles arose because his father is a football manager. All managers want to turn out the best team they can, so when Bill Dodgin senior, then in charge at Fulham, noticed that young Bill, who'd been playing at right back, had the makings of a top-class centre-half, he switched him to that position.

That meant dropping England international Jim Taylor. The Fulham fans were up in arms. "Favouritism" was the cry. And Bill's slightest errors were treated like major catastrophes.

UNBEARABLE STRAIN

A lone player might have remained unaffected. But Bill, only 20, found it an unbearable strain. He asked for a transfer. The Fulham directors appreciated his position, but no club likes losing good players, especially young ones. They refused the application, hoping that the trouble would blow over.

Instead, it became worse, and Bill asked to be dropped. This time his request was granted. So also was his transfer application, a month later.

Many clubs joined the queue for his signature. He chose one

with a reputation for centre halves and fast dealing—Arsenal. That was in December 1952. The following April, with first team centre-half Ray Daniel, Bill made his First Division debut. It was an instant success and there were no more fears that his Fulham experiences might have affected his play.

Ray Daniel's close-season transfer meant that at the beginning of this season Bill, seven months an Arsenal man, was a regular first team player.

FATES WERE UNKIND

Just 22, he stood on the threshold of a great career. Again, however, the fates were unkind.

Remember the disastrous start Arsenal made to the season? After eight games they had only two points, and in the eighth match they conceded seven goals to Sunderland.

What a time for a newcomer to establish his place! Bill compared himself with Arsenal's previous centre halves, Ray Daniel, Leslie Compton, Bernard Joy and Herbert Roberts. Not surprisingly he found the comparison unfavourable.

He blamed himself for the Arsenal decline. But really it was no one player's fault. The team just could not get going.

After the Sunderland debacle, however, Bill once again sought an unkind fate, interview with the manager and asked to be dropped.

Came a typical Tom Whittaker reply: "Bill, you're an Arsenal player now, and Arsenal will decide when you are not worth your place."

STRENGTH TO STRENGTH

This simple, but complete, answer restored Bill's confidence. Since that day he has gone from strength to strength, and Arsenal's jump from bottom to sixth place in the First Division is a measure of his improvement.

Selection as captain of the Young England side is the ultimate reward for his consistent good form. But Arsenal supporters have already given him a nick-name that means just as much.

They call him "Big Head." Anywhere else this might be uncomplimentary. But coming from the Highbury terraces it is the highest praise. It is the title previously conferred on that other great Arsenal centre-half and idol of the fans—Leslie Compton.

(London Express Service)

Olson To Defend Title Against Kid Gavilan

Chicago, Jan. 12. Carl (Robo) Olson will defend his world middle-weight boxing title against Kid Gavilan, of Cuba, the World Lightweight Champion, here on April 2, Mr Jim Norris, President of the International Boxing Club announced today.

He said Olson would receive 35 per cent of the receipts, and Gavilan 25 per cent. The 15-round contest would be nationally televised, but with Chicago blocked out.

Olson has not fought since winning the vacant title by out-pointing Randolph Turpin, British Champion, in New York last October.

Gavilan's last bout was in November against Johnny Bratton (Chicago), when for the seventh time he successfully defended his title.—Reuter.

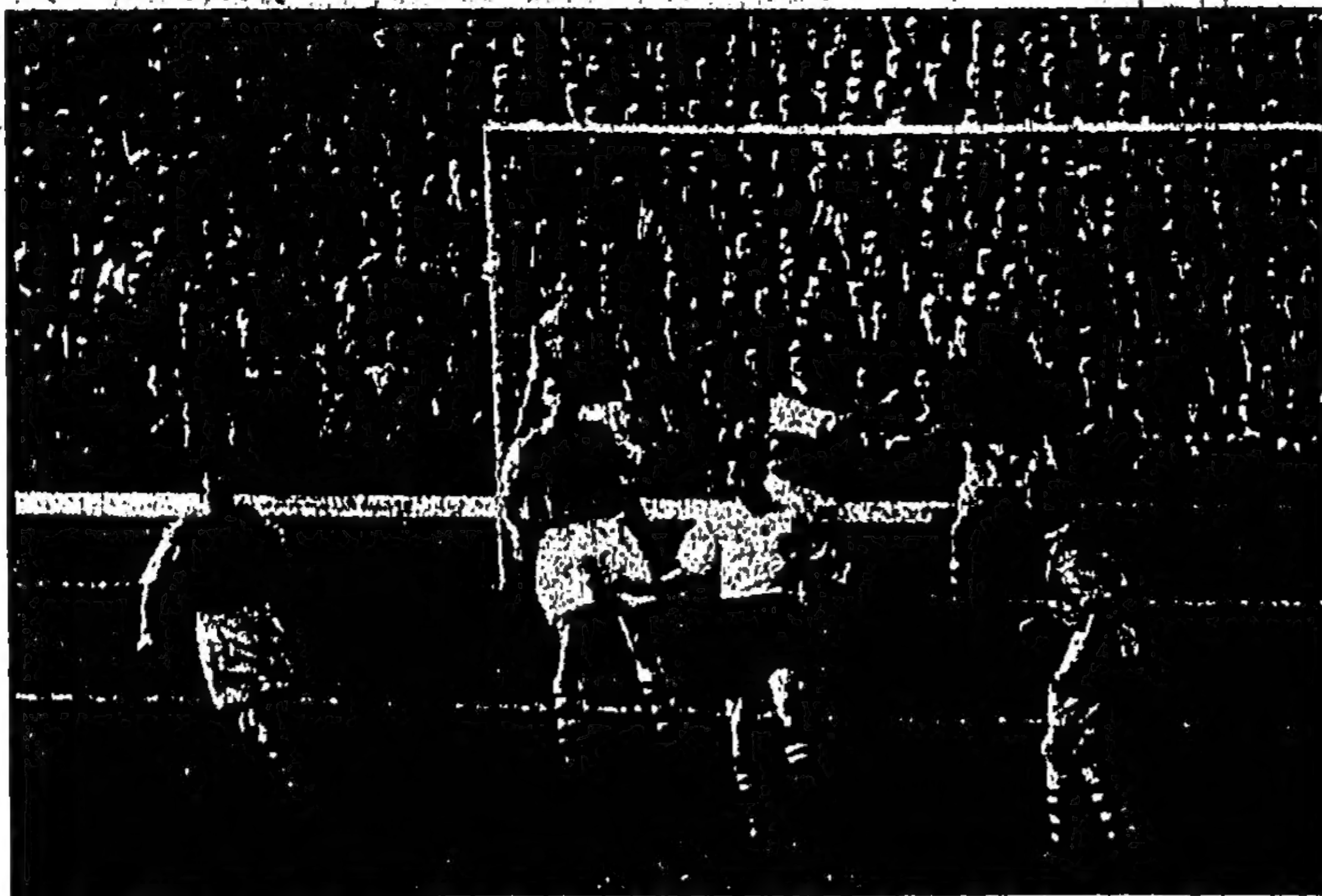
OPEN FAR EAST AMATEUR GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP FOR LADIES AT MANILA

Manila, Jan. 13. The country's top women golfers, including possible foreign entries, will compete in the first Far East Women's Amateur Golf Championships which will get underway simultaneously with the men's competition on February 18 at Wack Wack Fairways.

The Ladies Championship is open to all women amateurs and will consist of 54 holes, to be played in accordance with United States Amateur rules. At stake in the tournament are trophies which will be awarded the Champion, runner-up and third place winners.

The Wack Wack Club announced that overseas entries desiring accommodation for the duration of the tournament may communicate with the Wack Wack Golf and Country Club, P.O. Box 129, Manila.

"BIG HEAD"—IT'S THE



At centre-half, Bill Dodgin is the key man in the Arsenal defensive "wall". Here, second from the left, he stands between colleagues Joe Mercer (left) and Walley Barnes, helping to repel a Preston attack. — Express Photo.

SPOTLIGHTING THE THREE-YEAR-OLDS OF 1954

Wylve Valley Looks Tough But Must Find Extra Pace

By JAMES PARK

The Macdonald-Buchanans breed their horses on the best lines but have had little luck in the past few years. They have such a choice collection of mares that it is bound to change. Wylve Valley won one race for Major Macdonald-Buchanan, but, at 8st. 3lb., the colt is no better than second class.

He is well made and an honest-to-goodness workman, but I could not conscientiously say more for him than that.

There is a tough look about him which suggests he will stand up to any amount of hard work. He should train on well, and may be suited by the longer distances he will tackle in his second season.

If he could find a bit extra pace it would be all to his advantage, but unless he can do so, he may not soar above handicap rank.

I should say Captain Boyd-Rochford was disappointed with the American-bred Blue Prince II. The colt gave the impression early on that he would make much progress.

He appeared to have much scope for improvement when winning the Woodcote Stakes at Epsom but did not show any

advance on that form. He was a good market order in the Coventry Stakes at Royal Ascot, but found the pace too fast all the way.

He ran a fair race behind The Pic King at Goodwood, but was a failure in subsequent races. A deep bodied colt, I was at a loss to account for such unfulfilled promise.

He should make up into a powerful three-year-old and it may be he will show to more advantage in races which permit him to settle down in his own time. He is in the three classic races for colts but I am afraid is not up to that class.

Fair Risk has speed in excess of stamina. He is a delightfully moulded colt and one of the best to date sired by Faircy Fulmar. Fair Risk kept his form from start to the finish of the season.

In early May he made a good fight of it with the very fit National Trust at Sandown, and over six furlongs at Epsom was a winner everywhere until almost the last stride.

BEST EFFORT

The best effort by Fair Risk may have been when he beat the fast filly, Big Berry, at Manchester. At that he had 9lb. the better of the weights on a weight-for-age basis.

I put Fair Risk in the sprinting class. He has good initial speed and in the right company will hold his own up to six furlongs. Being by a Mieux mare, he ought to stay further, but I doubt whether he will.

Golden Lion is of the same type as Fair Risk. A Golden Cloud gelding, he is bred for speed and is not lacking in that quality. From the time he struck form Golden Lion never ran a bad race. He might have won at Kempton in July at five furlongs but the task of giving weight to Stealth and Roman Air over the sixth furlong was a little too much.

It was a brave effort when, with 9st 6lb in the saddle, he dead-heated with Noble Charger (rec. 10lb.) at Newbury and to the end of the season Golden Lion sustained his form.

The former cross-country jockey, C. Mitchell, kept his charge in good heart and, if he winters well, the gelding is just the type to pick up a nice handicap.

BETTER COLT WON

Rokimos is in the same ownership as Fair Risk, but is in a different stable. Victor Smyth

has charge of Rokimos and as the race was run the trainer thought the colt should have beaten Barton Street at Sandown in October.

The light was bad that day, but Rokimos had a nice advantage half-way up the straight. Had the jockey crossed over to the rails there would not have been room for Barton Street to get through. However, the luck came the way of the challenger and there is no doubt that the better colt won.

It was when Rokimos raced over longer distances in the autumn that he showed his best form, and that suggests he will stay more than a mile as a three-year-old. He will always be easy to pick out as he has a lot of white about the legs.

(London Express Service)

EXPERTS PREDICT A LATIN COUNTRY WILL WIN THE WORLD SOCCER CUP

Zurich, Jan. 12. With eight of the 16 countries which will battle for the World Soccer Championship in Switzerland this summer already known, experts here today freely predicted the title would go once again to a Latin country.

Although Brazil and Spain have not yet completed their elimination round ties, it was confidently forecast that these two teams would join the seeded title-holder, Uruguay, to provide three of the four semi-finalists and the two finalists.

Hungary—unbeaten in international competition for the past two years—would offer the only really tough competition to the three Latin teams, the experts said. The consensus was that Uruguay would retain the title, but narrowly.

Uruguay and the host country Switzerland are automatically qualified for the final rounds. The six other teams already assured of a trip to the are Belgium, England, France, former winter sports countries, Austria, Hungary and Czechoslovakia.

The 16-team line-up was expected to be completed with Germany, Spain, Italy, Yugoslavia, Mexico, Scotland, Brazil and Japan.

Spain has already beaten Turkey in Group Six of the elimination rounds and needs

Soccer's Player Of The Year Is Sam Bartram Or Ronnie Burgess

Says W. CAPEL KIRBY

A number of long-standing Cup Final eve functions will suffer unless the Football Association co-operates by fixing an early kick-off for the England v. England "Under 23's" match at Highbury on April 30.

One, of course, is the traditional gathering of referees and lineemen from all parts of the country to honour the Cup Final referee, who could well be Alf Bond if all the London clubs have taken the count before the semi-final.

Another function likely to be affected is the Football Writers' annual dinner and statuette presentation to their "Footballer of the Year," the choice of which becomes increasingly difficult.

Personally, I should like to see loyalty rewarded, and in this respect two names readily come to mind—Ronnie Burgess, Wales and Spurs, and Sam Bartram, of Charlton, the best goalkeeper never capped for England.

NOBODY TOLD HIM!

Ask Sam Bartram which was the most amusing incident of his long career and it's odds on him recalling a certain foggy Christmas morning at Stamford Bridge when nobody bothered to let him know the referee had abandoned the match and left him on his lonesome between the sticks.

"I thought it had gone all quiet like," said Sam when he eventually reached the dressing-room. He also said some more, but we won't go into that.

NOW THEY KNOW

Oldham Athletic supporters now know what is meant by a club not being ready for promotion. Any other time George Hardwick could have consolidated playing strength, but not just now when there's neither talent nor sentiment in the game.

What of Hardwick's future? I gather the condition of signing as player-manager was a three years' managerial agreement after he ceases playing.

FOR FUTURE REFERENCE

On the advice of player-manager Ivor Powell, names of five amateurs on Bradford City's books have gone down in my little book for future reference.

They are Martin Bakes (inside forward), George Rogerson (goal), Peter Sheridan, Joe Ramsden, and Percy Schofield (full-backs) . . . all in the 17 age group.

"Don't be surprised if Bakes and Rogerson get a League team outing in the near future," says Ivor, who faced up to this

weekend's programme with five first team men on the injured list.

Here's a tip for some enterprising manager. Sailing home after two years in South Africa is a useful inside-forward schemer named Bill Clancy. My informant tells me he's the goods and much improved since Southampton signed him as an amateur. Age, 23.

REMEMBER NANKVILLE

While Gordon Pirie fully merits the honours heaped upon him, let us not forget the magnificence of Bill Nankville, who gave me my biggest thrill in 1953.

I'm not often guilty of unprofessional conduct, but confess to shouting myself hoarse when in that never-to-be-forgotten last leg of the 4 x 1,500 Metres Relay, Bill played cat and mouse with his Swedish opponent, yet still had enough running left to come away and break the world record by three seconds.

The other three runners that September night were R. H. Dunkley, Pirie and D. C. Law and it was the sporting feat of the year, because nobody thought it possible in the absence of Bannister and Chataway.

MCC bosses stuck out their necks by suggesting Brisbane be by-passed for the next Test series. In the circumstances who in Lancashire could complain if Australia countered with a request to play at Edgbaston instead of Old Trafford?

WITH A MORAL

Here's a story with a moral for all sportsmen resolved to put Britain back on the map. Celestine golfer Alf Padgham offered me a lift from a football match recently, and clambering into the back seat I sat on something painfully hard which turned out to be a squash racket.

"Surely you don't play that strenuous game?" I inquired. "I certainly do, but only gently. Got to keep it, you know," replied 47-year-old Padgham, who had played a round of golf in the morning, relaxed watching football in the afternoon and had a squash date in the evening.

"Any snow up your way this morning, Fred?" "Yes, up to my knees," replies Fred Hall to this regular morning leg-pull of his Sunderland team colleagues. Actually it's a crack at the Roker Park old-timer living away up at Stanley, but says Fred: "It suits me to be up there out of town with just my sister and my pigeons for company."

Fred, who has made a first-team comeback at full-back and now centre half, is an expert on maling pigeons.

APPRECIATED

Seasonal greetings which were really appreciated have been sent from Sheffield Wednesday to their former centre-forward, unlucky Derek Dooley.

The Wednesday Christmas box to Dooley was contained in a decision to make their opening floodlight match a benefit affair for the lad who lost a leg last season.

Wednesday realise that the first floodlight match in Sheffield will draw a terrific attendance. And they know that most clubs rely on their first few matches under lights to pay for the installation.

Teams in opposition will be a combined Sheffield Wednesday-United XI and an international side. That could mean receipts exceeding £7,000.

"I've said it before and I'll say it again—well played, Wednesday."

DUBLIN WILL BE PROUD

Junior team Ormeau (Dublin) has produced a goalkeeper described by Wolves manager Stan Cullis as "good enough to go in the first team right away."

He's 18 and his name is Noel Dwyer.

The Dublin boy was sent to Molineux for a month's trial but Cullis produced a professional form after one week.

Several Scottish footballers on the books of Southern League club Linlithgow took a day off recently to watch the All Blacks Rugby tourists play in Wales. Commented one after the game: "I wouldn't play that game for £40 a week."

One of the most-wanted centre-forwards in football is York City's local 19-year-old, David Dunmore. Manager Jimmy McCormack, former Spurs winger, says: "We've turned down all inquiries and we don't want to part with him."

But unless gates improve York may be forced to sell.

A statement that Tommy Lawton was advising and coaching the Highbury forwards these days brought this crack from a provincial club manager: "I wish I could afford to pay £10,000 for someone to advise my team."

In a football match report I spotted the following: "Gates-which again provided sparkling entertainment in a faultless match-winning display. Attendance, 4,584. No comment."

Times have changed since Rugby League football was frowned on in the Services. The Coldstream Guards—they should be big enough—are forming a team and already they've thrown out a challenge to any other regiment or Royal Air Force unit at the 13-a-side code.

Any takers?

MUST BE HARD UP

I wonder if Bristol City manager Pat Beasley sent a Christmas card to Rhyl. Pat still hasn't forgotten having to stump up 7s. 6d. each to give his players tickets at the recent Cup-tie.

Says Beasley: "At least one ticket per player is the normal gesture when you deal with League clubs—but I was told that Rhyl needed the money."

Having transferred Len Boyd, Alex Govan and Gordon Astall to Birmingham, Plymouth Argyle manager Jimmy Ruse asks every Saturday night: "How did Birmingham Argyle go on?"

Ordinary routine training is taboo for 30 of Billy Walker's most promising Nottingham Forest youngsters. Each of the lads is given a ball and told: "Play on your own until you can really control it."

Says manager Walker: "When they've learned how to do that they can join in with the seniors."

THOSE GOOD OLD DAYS! This last was the 52nd Christmas—and the last one—that secretary Joss Holmes spent as a member of Derbyshire County FA. He retires in June. Now 82, Joss tells me he can remember an FA Club semi-final when only two officials were on the ground.

One threw the coppers in a basin while the other tore tickets off a roll.

Sunderland officials are worried about a corporation transport switch—over from trams to buses. As one director told me: "Nothing can shift a big crowd better than trams. There's going to be chaos outside Roker Park when they scrap them."

Might I suggest that a continuation of Sunderland's present form will solve all crowd dispersal problems!

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THE CHANGING SCENE IN LAWN TENNIS

THE ALL-THE-YEAR-ROUND EXPENSES RULE MAY COST AUSTRALIA THE DAVIS CUP

Says DENNIS HART

So the Australian lawn tennis monopoly continues. Beating America 3-2 at Melbourne in the Davis Cup Challenge Round, they enter their fourth year as holders of the trophy.

But the closeness of their victory raises the question "How long will their superiority last?"

The end, I fancy, is in sight. Indeed, next December may well see the trophy being shipped back to the United States.

Are the Americans then, likely to discover a new world-beater in the next twelve months?

On the contrary, the Melbourne match stamped Australia's Low Hand as the game's No. 1 player, and one who may remain on top for many years.

No, Australia may lose the

trophy, not through lack of ability, but through the change that has overtaken the game by the introduction of the all-the-year-round expenses rule.

WAS EASIER

In the past, players were able to draw expenses for only eight weeks in the year. So their play was limited and as tourna-

ments were consequently few, it was easier for one player to dominate the world scene. In the 20s it was "Big Bill" Tilden. So complete was his mastery that America won the Davis Cup seven years in succession.

Came Jean Borotra, the "Bouncing Basque," and it was France's turn. They took the trophy and held it for the next six years. It was followed by a four-year British monopoly when Fred Perry held sway.

Success has gone in cycles ever since the competition began in 1900. Only three times has a country lost it at the first defence—Britain 1912, America 1913 and Australia in 1940.

Had the old expense rule still operated, I should have tipped Australia to hold the trophy for another four years. For Lew Hoad and Ken Rosewall, the strongest combination in the world, are only 19 and at the threshold of their prime.

But, the whole picture has changed. With expenses paid the year round, the world's top players follow the sun, playing each other from January to December in all parts of the globe.

LEVELLING-OUT

Some of the competitors at 1953's Wimbledon had hardly had a break in two and a half years. The result is a gradual levelling-out in standards. One player can no longer hope to dominate the scene.

In 1953, for example, most of the leading players beat each other in various tournaments. One of the key matches in the Davis Cup was the one in which Hoad beat Wimbledon Champion Vic Seixas. Yet in the preceding few months Seixas had beaten Hoad in seven successive meetings.

It was just bad luck for America that Hoad was able to produce his top form at Melbourne while Seixas struck a bad patch.

Of course, there will still be outstanding performers who will win more times than most, and win "the league". But like the leaders of all leagues, they will suffer occasional defeat. And as with Seixas those may well occur in the Davis Cup.

Next December it could be Australia's turn. Hoad and Rosewall may blaze a trail of success in tournaments all over the world only to fall to their Challenge Round opponents.

GOOD FOR THE GAME?

Is the change good for the game? Well, the players like it. They are able to spend all their time playing the game they love. With playing standards higher—except for occasional periods of slowness—the new system also benefits spectators.

So everyone is happy—or almost everyone. There are some for whom precision play is not everything; those who like a touch of sentiment with their sport.

They sigh for the old days when champions were legendary figures and reigned supreme. But still, there's no satisfying everybody.

(London Express Service)

TOMMY ATKINS'

Army Sports Parade

Top of the Tommy Atkins Sports Parade this week is Captain Petty by reason of his brilliant century innings for the Army 'B' team against Recreio 'B' on Saturday last. Opening the innings, Captain Petty had a hundred on the board before being out to a good catch. The side bettered their opponents' score of 176 for the loss of only 8 wickets.

There has been a quick response to the call for entries for the Land Forces Boxing Championships. Entries from 10 units nominate 63 fighters and by the time all units enter have been received it looks like we shall see a record figure reached.

A most unusual coincidence took place in a local cricket match the other day and I have to acknowledge the co-operation of one of the umpires who sent the particulars to me.

Feeling a left hand batsman sent one ball straight back to the bowler's end and shattered the stumps. These were soon adjusted and the bowler sent down a similar ball with exactly the same result.

My informant suggests that this is a most unusual incident which rarely happens twice in a match, let alone twice in successive balls.

HOCKEY DRAW

The draw for the Land Forces Hockey Championship was made during the week and resulted as follows:

1st Round (To be played before January 30):
1. Wch vs. 7 RTR.
2. 24 Fd. Engrs. vs. 20th Fd. Regt. RA.

2nd Round (To be played by February 13):
1. Norfolk. vs. 2/2 Gurkha Rifles.
2. 1300 AOP vs. 33 General Hospital.

3rd Round (To be played by February 27):
1. Kings vs. 1 Dorset.
2. 72 LAA Bty. RA. vs. 173 Loc. Bty. RA.

4th Round (To be played by March 31):
1. HQF vs. 27 HAA Bty. RA.
2. RE Corps. Tps. vs. AA Workshops.

5th Round (To be played by April 14):
1. 3rd Round of the Competition is scheduled to be completed by February 27. The semi-finals will take place on March 10 and the Final on March 31.

A consolation Plate Competition is being run and will include all teams eliminated from the 1st and 2nd rounds of the Competition proper.

This week I have had news for basketball enthusiasts. Due to pressure of commitments it has not been able to go ahead with the plans for the new league competition as I stated last week. This will be a big disappointment to the seven entrants but according to my information the decision to abandon the league was only taken after every possibility had been explored.

Present plans are that next season a basketball league will be considered before the knock-out competition is launched.

The golf match against the Pegasus visitors sponsored by the Army Golf Association provided a very happy afternoon although the projected eight-a-side match did not go on.

There was one tussle between Dr. Thompson and Jimmy Potts on the one side and Mr. O. Davies, Captain of the Club, and Major Erick, Secretary of the Army Association, on the other. This was a most enjoyable match and finished all-square.

The Pegasus players were loud in their praise of the hospitality extended to them on this occasion and the hosts were equally loud in their praise of Jimmy Potts as a star dice player.

Potts crammed an amazing amount of activity into his few days in the Colony. He played in all the soccer matches, scored a century in the cricket match, distinguished himself on the golf course and departed the undisputed dice champion of Fanning, and against Army opposition too.

AMONG THE WICKETS

'Demon' Dowling was among the wickets again at the weekend, but his fine analysis of a for 88 fall in the second defeat of the season. Recreio beat them by 3 wickets and the soldiers are now faced with a tough fight for the championship. Their lead has been cut to points and with a game still to be played it is a very slender margin indeed.

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getting in some good early season competition and a chance to judge themselves against the best local talent.

The Colony Open Squash Tournament is now under way and with a strong contingent of Army players in the draw it is hoped that there will be several military representatives in the later stages of the Competitions. Lt-Col. Sullivan is an established player but I am told that several of the younger competitors from the Army are expected to claim a share of the limelight. Major Kyt's early defeat was most unexpected.

Progress is being made in the Major and Minor Unit soccer knockout competitions. 1 Welch and 1 Norfolk have now passed through into the next round at the expense of 24 Fd. Engineers and 2/2 Gurkhas respectively.

The powerful 7 Tanks side will be in town this afternoon for their game against 72 LAA Bty. RA. which will be played at Gun Club Barracks. Another good game should be seen when 14th Field Regt. RA meet 1 Dorset on January 18.

In the Minor Units Competition, Command Workshops; 8 Coy. RASC; CPO; 137 HAA Bty. RA; 58 Coy. RASC; and 11 Inf. Workshops have passed into the next round. Two games will be decided this afternoon—170 Lt. Bty. RA v. AA Workshops and HQF v. 23 HAA Bty. RA.

The following games are listed to take place on January 10: RMP v. HKCTU and 18 Fd. Pk. Sqdn. RE v. 6 HAA Bty. RA. Some other games are still outstanding, and those responsible are asked to get them played off as soon as possible in order that the competition is not held up.

NEWS FOR GOLFERS

And now two items of news for golfers. The usual monthly meeting of the Association will take place at Fanning on January 27 when the competition will be a Stapleford with points awarded for individual scores at each hole.

A good turnout of members is requested and, as is usual at these meetings, golfers from the other services will be welcome.

The combined Services Championships will take place on Thursday and Friday, February 11 and 12. Entry forms have been sent to known golfers but if anyone wishes to compete does not receive a form by return of post, please contact Major Erick, Camp Commandant HQF (Tel. 34121, Ex. 438). This item applies to the golfers of all three services.

A good night's boxing should be seen at the Mission on Saturday night. With so much talent in the Army it is surprising to hear that the only soldier to be seen in action is Pte. Dudman who has done so well recently. I know several military fighters who would be glad of the chance to take part in these excellent promotions, provided an approach was made to the military authorities for their services.

A rumour that is current in the Colony at the moment is that the Army soccer side from the United Kingdom is coming here on tour. Enquiries reveal that there is no available information that such a tour has even been considered at home and it is thought most unlikely that the Army team, which is committed to a very heavy programme, would make such a long tour.

Such a tour would be delighted to see this all-professional side in action against local opposition, but it is very doubtful if they will have that pleasure this season at least.

SNIPPETS: The Army had representatives in the English, Scottish and Welsh sides that took part in the International Rugby Competition at the weekend. Athletes are now to be seen loitering up for the forthcoming season. Until meetings are revealing a more useful talent in the ranks of the King's is a new name in Army soccer circles. He comes with a good recommendation from Captain Fortune, erstwhile Army top-liner, who should know a good player when he sees one.

The struggle for leadership in the local Darts League is becoming tense. Several teams are running neck and neck for the title. Reports indicate that 20th Fd. Regt. RA have some outstanding sportsmen in their ranks...and two particularly good soccer players.

FA CUP REPLAY

London, Jan. 12. Ipswich Town beat Oldham Athletic 1-0 in their FA Cup third round replay at Oldham today.

Ipswich will now be at home to Birmingham City in the second round on January 20.

OUR NEXT SOCCER VISITORS

Koege Boldklub's Standard On Par With That Of Djurgardens

Copenhagen, Jan. 12.

Hongkong's representative soccer sides, with memories of their crushing defeats at the hands of the Swedish club, Djurgardens, still fresh, are not likely to find a great difference in standard of play when the Danish Koege Boldklub arrive in the Colony about February 1 for a series of three games with the best that Hongkong can offer.

Hailing from the small Danish town of Koege, about 40 Kilometres from the capital of Copenhagen, the team is at present leading the Danish national competition (1953-54) season, which started in September last year.

They finished second in this competition in the 1952-53 season and they occupied fourth place in 1952-53.

The Danes will play several games on their way to Hongkong. First stop will be at Nicosia in Cyprus, where a game will be played on January 17. Between January 21 and 21, they will play five matches in the Far East—two in Hongkong—two in Saigon and Hanoi.

This will be followed by the three games in Hongkong before the Danes leave for home on February 10.

The Koege team is a strong and closely-knit unit—but there has been a lot of criticism of the inside-left, 26-year-old Left Petersen, who is too fond of individual play for the Danish crowd.

There is, however, a good team spirit and both the right-wing forward, 21-year-old Erik Nielsen, and better still, centre-half Poul Andersen (28) are renowned for the accuracy of their passes, which have split many a victory for the club.

Andersen, by the way, has captained the Danish national side nine times and Nielsen has been selected three times. Andersen can take any position on the field, except that of goalkeeper.

Among Koege's scorers is left-winger, Hilmar Stenlund. Though he is 36 and the oldest member of the team, Stenlund has rarely been in a game without scoring at least one goal. He has represented Denmark seven times in international competitions.

Poul Petersen, the inside-right, is another goal-getter. He kicks straight and cleanly and has been selected 18 times to represent Denmark. Twenty-six years of age, he is full of life on the field and is one of the most dangerous men in the Koege eleven.

INTERNATIONAL RECORD

Also twenty-six is centre-forward Jens P. Hansen, who is dangerous because of his excellent dribbling. His shooting is accurate and he has been a member of the Danish national side no less than 18 times—a record.

Twenty-eight-year-old Henning Eling is a remarkable goalkeeper. His quick moves and his extremely agile body place him today as Denmark's best custodian and, as a result, he has played four international matches.

Short left-back Kurt Hansen (25) may not have long left, but he is extremely fast and his side is powerful. He is five times an international. Opposite number on the right, Boerge Swenson (25) is a player of the same mettle and just as strong in defence as in offence. Because of his age, he has so far played only in the Danish "B" international side.

Two players who are not internationals are right-half Poul Soerensen (25) and left-half John Kramer (20). Soerensen is a fast-moving player to watch and dribbles skillfully. He can elude the defence with cleverness and is dangerous in the attack.

John Kramer is the baby of the team—small and remarkably strong. Accompanying the team will be the following reserves—Erik Hansen (20), Niels Knud Joergensen (19), Gunnar Hansen, Henning Olsen, Boerge Olsen and J. Jensen; and K. Sund, the Koege secretary.

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Colony Grass Court Championships

The Hongkong Cricket Club yesterday invited entries for the annual Colony Tennis Grass Court Championships. The tournament will commence with the singles round on Monday, February 8, at 5 p.m. Entries are invited for both singles and doubles championships and these should reach the HKCC pavilion in Chater Road by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, February 2. Entry forms are being made available at all leading sports shops and all tennis clubs.

FLISBERG AND ROTHOF IN THE FINAL

Paris, Jan. 13. Tage Flisberg (Sweden) and Rene Rothof (France) will contest the final of the men's singles in the French Table Tennis Championships here.

In the semi-finals last night, Flisberg beat Michel Hagmann (France) 21-14, 19-21, 21-14, 18-21, 21-15, and Rothof defeated Ken Craigie (Britain) 17-21, 21-10, 22-20.

The women's singles final will be between Angelica Roscanu of Rumania, holder of the world title and Linda Wert of Austria. In the semi-finals, Roscanu beat Trude Fritzl (Austria) 21-8, 21-7, 21-14, and Wert defeated Christiane Watel (France) 21-15, 21-10, 25-23.

In the final of the mixed doubles, Angelica Roscanu, the World Women's Singles Champion, and Tiberiu Harazoi of Rumania, defeated Rosalind Rowe and Victor Barna of Britain 21-18, 20-22, 12-21, 25-23, 21-16.—Reuter.

NOTICE

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

The Club's public stand at Happy Valley is being lent to the Hong Kong Automobile Association for a Motor Rally on Sunday, 17th January, 1954.

Members of the Jockey Club attending the Rally must wear their Member's badge otherwise they will not be admitted thereto, except on payment of the admission fee charged by the Association.

By Order,

H. MISA, Secretary.

NOTICE

HONG KONG CRICKET CLUB

Colony Tennis Championship

Entries are invited for the Colony Grass Court Singles and Doubles Tennis Championship to be played during the Hong Kong Cricket Club Annual Tennis Tournament commencing February 8, 1954.

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9.8 NOT A RECORD

Stephen Xavier's performance of 9.8 seconds in winning the 100 Yards sprint at Boundary Street on Sunday was not accepted as a Colony record by a meeting of the HKAAA Executive Committee at the Education Department Conference Room yesterday evening.

The meeting decided to recognise Xavier's time as an outstanding performance, but would not grant it recognition as a Colony record owing to an element of doubt as to whether the following wind did or didn't exceed the limit permitted.

It was pointed out that if Xavier was capable of 9.8 seconds for the 100 Yards, he should be able to repeat this performance and will have many more opportunities to do so.

The meeting decided to investigate the possibilities of staging one or two track races in the intervals of football matches at the Caroline Hill Stadium. The Hongkong Football Association is to be approached on the matter.

The University, Army and Hongkong School Sports Association are also to be approached to permit the HKAAA to stage two or three open events at meetings, organised by these bodies.

The next meeting directly under the sponsorship of the HKAAA will be the Hongkong v. Kowloon match at Boundary Street on January 31.

The teams will be selected by a committee comprising Messrs. J. Kirkwood (Convener), Raleigh Leung, P. Cooper, V. V. Kolatchoff and an Army representative. Mr. G. S. Kennedy Skipton will arrange for the teams for the One Mile Race Walk.

Mr. P. Cooper was nominated manager of the Hongkong team and Mr. V. V. Kolatchoff of the Kowloon team.

Messrs. J. E. P. Blenkinsop and Wong Men-hing were nominated the HKAAA representatives to Thursday's meeting of the HKASF & OC.

The HKAAA's Annual Dinner will be held on Saturday, February 20.

MCC Draw With Jamaica

Kingston, Jamaica, Jan. 12. The MCC cricketers drew with Jamaica in their four-day match here today.

Bad light brought an early close with the MCC 34 for one in their second innings. They had scored 286 in their first knock.

Jamaica made 187 and 328 for four declared.

Hobbs was the top scorer in Jamaica's second innings with 152, while Headley made 53 not out.

They were associated in a fourth wicket stand which reached three figures.

Headley was missed twice off Laker in the morning, Moss dropping an easy catch at mid-off and Laker failing to hold a hard return.

Bailey took one of Jamaica's second innings wickets for 21; Laker two for 54; Compton one for 28.

Freddie Trueman, the Yorkshire fast bowler, failed to take a wicket in 17 overs which yielded 55 runs.—Reuter.

Racing In Malaya Continues To Be A Multi-Million Dollar Industry

Singapore, Jan. 12.

Racing in Malaya continued to be a multi-million dollar "industry" last year in spite of the gloomy outlook in the country's economy.

Statistics from four turf clubs in Malaya show that during the year race-goers betted almost M\$80,000,000 on the totalisator and sweepstakes.

The total paid out in stake money was \$4,294,080, a drop of more than \$1,000,000 from the peak year of 1952.

The average value of a race in 1953 was \$9,238, which was higher than anywhere else in the British Commonwealth.

The Federation of Malaya and Singapore Governments between them netted about \$7,500,000 in various forms of taxation.

OWNERS' LEAN SEASON: Race-horse owners generally had a lean season last year in spite of the fact that prize money will exceed the cost of the upkeep of all horses in

training by about \$1,500,000. Only 16 of the 200 owners and partnerships registered with the Straits Racing Association won more than \$50,000 in prize money during the year.

A total of 520 races were run in the 65 racing days. English horses had a good season winning 409 races, including nearly all the "classics" and trophy races, but the richest race of the season—the \$30,000 Perak Derby—went to an Australian-bred horse, Houdini.

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Pravda, mouthpiece of the Central Committee of the Soviet Communist Party, published an editorial today flaying several branches of state-run industry for waste and inefficiency while some other industries were praised for cutting costs and saving materials.

The editorial, quoted by Moscow radio, disclosed that many Soviet enterprises have been working at a loss.

Pravda listed as "particularly unsatisfactory" enterprises of the timber and paper industry, the coal and metallurgical plants, the transport and heavy machine building industry and the building materials industry.

Individual ministries direct these enterprises, and Pravda complained that many leading officials in the ministries and the central industrial managing bodies did not pay proper attention to the lowering of production costs.

The Communist Party newspaper signalled out for special criticism several enterprises under the control of the Ministry of Transport and the Heavy Machine Building industry.

Pravda said the Ministry for the production of building materials had "lagged behind the plan" for several years.

The paper added: "Enterprises of this Ministry use much more fuel than planned and produce an excessive quantity of scrap."

"The cement industry used 70,000 tons of fuel above plan (more than was estimated), while scrap production caused a loss of 34,000,000 roubles. (The Soviet fixed exchange rate is 11.2 roubles to £1.)"

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FOA To Meet

In Manila

In February

Washington, Jan. 12. The Foreign Operations Administration (FOA) announced today that it would call a meeting in Manila in February of all directors of its operations missions in the Far East.

Mr. Harold Stassen, head of the FOA, is expected to attend. The Foreign Operations Administration handles the bulk of United States foreign aid. The purpose of such a meeting will be to discuss current programmes in various countries of the Far East and to make plans for the remainder of this year.

The programmes involve projects in agriculture, health, education, public administration, natural resources and transport.

"They are all designed to increase the standard of living in the various countries through teaching local technicians to carry on the work in the various fields of activities," said an official announcement.

Contributions of the local governments to the joint programmes, average more than three times that of the United States.

The Manila meeting is one of several which Mr. Stassen plans to hold in various regions. One will be held in Lima, Peru, starting on January 14.

"The entire spot regional meetings have been arranged by FOA as part of its programme to decentralize operations and delegate authority to the field personnel," said the announcement.

Through these meetings, Washington officials are able to get firsthand reports on the progress of aid programmes and to discuss operating policies with United States.



Ava Gardner and her husband Frank Sinatra arrive at Ciampino Airfield, Rome, from Madrid. There have been frequent reports that they were to separate since their marriage in 1951. Just as frequently there have been reports to say they have patched up their quarrels.—Express Photo.

Not only do they have to get the Abadan Refinery working but:

ZAHEDI'S BIG HEADACHE IS: WHAT'S TO BE DONE WITH IRAN'S OIL

This article from New York outlines some of the problems ahead of the new Iranian Administration in its attempt to get the Nationalised oil industry on its feet after many months of inactivity. Not only does the Government have to get the vast Anglo-Iranian Refinery in working order again—for it was frequently reported that under the Mossadegh regime equipment and vital machines were removed and the vast fleet of tanker-trucks reduced by hundreds—but they have to face stiff competition from American, British and European companies which are now producing oil in excess of world requirements.

New York, Jan. 12.

An American expert in world petroleum affairs, Mr. Walter Levy, recently said it should be possible for "men of good will" to achieve a settlement of the Anglo-Iranian oil dispute.

But any settlement would have to be "in accord with the political realities and the national aspirations of Iran, on the one hand, and the principles of the Western world, and the commercial facts of life, on the other hand," he said.

Mr. Levy was for a considerable time in Government service as an oil consultant, particularly with the Economic Co-operation Administration during its control of foreign aid from the United States. Now, he is in private business in the same capacity.

He gave a long, detailed review of the British-Iranian oil controversy at a recent round table conference sponsored by the Middle East Institute, which has its headquarters in Washington.

After summarising the development of Iranian oil by British interests in the 30-odd years preceding the closing of the Abadan refinery in 1951, he surveyed events, including the legal fight which led the British to abandon Abadan, and the effects of this step on Iran's economy and the company's finances.

Commenting on the changed position brought about by the overthrow of the Mossadegh Government last August, he declared: "We are once again concerned with the problem of the re-establishment of oil operations in Iran. Only in this manner can the country acquire the necessary means to maintain its economic and political stability and to improve the standard of living of its people."

Seven Principles

Then Mr. Levy defined what he called "the general principles" involved in the settlement. These, he said, include:

1. The principle that nationalisation under international law requires (in the absence of a satisfactory agreement with the previous owners) prompt, adequate and effective compensation, the mere willingness to pay without the ability to do so being insufficient.
2. If foreign investment in an underdeveloped country is nationalised, the whole nationalisation effort will not only destroy the enterprise but may also lead to economic and political collapse of the country.
3. Nationalisation can be put into effect only with the continued assistance of the previous owner whose properties have been nationalised, and he would obviously not be prepared to extend such help except on the basis of an agreement and of a satisfactory settlement of the compensation issue.
4. In any case, the previous investor could not afford to jeopardise his investment position in other countries where he may have interest which have not been expropriated.
5. International oil operations are handled to a considerable extent through a few large integrated companies none of which could afford to provide technical help and make transport and markets available

for the purchase of oil in Iran if, by doing so, it would establish an unworkable and inefficient operation which would have serious adverse effects for it in other producing countries.

6. The establishment of large scale oil production operations requires secured access to stable market outlets on a long term basis. No one could afford to tie himself to an oil supplier in whose technical or managerial competence he would not have complete confidence over a long term.

7. Adherence to these principles is basic to the progress of world trade and of economic development that no Government or Western interests can afford to ignore them.

"Specific Problems"

Mr. Levy then defined what he called "specific problems" in the Iranian situation as follows:

1. Iranian oil has been completely replaced. In the world market by large increases in British-controlled and American-owned production. There is at present, even excluding Iran, an immediate surplus production capacity of crude oil amounting to more than 1,500,000 barrels a day pressing for market outlets, and the Iranians have been warned of this development ever since the nationalisation.
2. The resumption of Iranian oil operations on a substantial basis would require that other producing countries and companies either reduce their output, or at least abstain from expanding it if the outlets for Iranian oil were geared, for the time being, to the expected increase of requirements only.
3. Even on this assumption, there exists, for a variety of reasons no large scale market for Iranian oil in the Western hemisphere. The natural outlet for such oil is the Eastern hemisphere, and requirements there increase annually by only 250,000 to 300,000 barrels a day.
4. The number of customers in oil-importing countries, particularly of the Eastern hemisphere, not affiliated with the major companies is small and the volume of their sales is limited. The resumption of substantial shipments of Iranian oil thus requires co-operation with those oil companies which supply the bulk of the requirements of the free world.
5. American interests at present control over 80 per cent of Middle East production and proven reserves (excluding Iran) as compared with about 45 per cent in 1951. Their share in European imports of crude oil and products amounts to some 37 per cent and in European refining capacity to only 25 per cent.
6. On the other hand, British and other European interests now own only some 40 per cent of present Middle East production and proven reserves, as compared with about 55 per cent in early 1951. But their present market share in European imports is 62 per cent and in refining capacity, 75 per cent.
7. If American oil companies would purchase Iranian oil at a price no higher than that at which they could obtain or

develop oil elsewhere in the Middle East, such purchases from Iran might still be commercially disadvantageous because of tax considerations, compensation obligations to the former owner, and other factors.

8. Such purchases by American companies might raise problems for importing soft-currency countries and lead to problems in connection with the level of output in American-held concessions, possibly involving serious legal complications in the United States.

9. Neither from a supply and demand nor from a commercial or broad economic point of view, do American companies represent the most natural large scale customer for Iranian oil, but possibly they might agree to handle sizable quantities.

10. If and when Iranian oil exports should be resumed on a substantial scale, they would, in the first instance, probably replace the purchases which British and other companies have made in the Western hemisphere and from American companies elsewhere. Second, they would affect the expansion rate of British production in areas such as Kuwait. And, finally, they would affect American-owned production somewhat, as a result largely of the reduction of sales by American companies to British and other customers.

There are also other "important conditions" which, according to Mr. Levy, must be observed if the Iranian oil operations are to be resumed on a large scale.

"A substantial group of foreign experts is needed to provide the necessary technical and managerial skills," he said.

"Such a group will face a most difficult problem in arranging the adjustment of the operations to the changed conditions. It will be responsible for the expenditure of a great deal of money even before operations can be resumed.

"This group, to carry out its assignment, must be granted the necessary power and responsibility and must be free from political and any other unwarranted interference.

"This point is of particular importance as no company would commit itself to the purchase of large quantities of Iranian oil over a long term if it did not have iron-clad assurances that the Iranian oil industry would be continuously operated by a competent and absolutely reliable technical and commercial management."

"While it is not possible to predict the course of the present negotiations and the shape of any final settlement, the review will serve to define reasonably clearly the likely area of negotiation.

"Within that area it should be plainly possible for men of good will to achieve an agreement in accordance with the political realities and the national aspirations of Iran, on the one hand, and the principles of the Western world, and the commercial facts of life, on the other."

Special.

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NEW YORK STOCK MARKET

New York, Jan. 12.

Stocks added nearly \$1,000,000 to total market values today in their first advance in five sessions—a rise led by rail stocks.

Gains in the carriers ranged to more than 3 points, lifting the average for the group by \$1.40—the widest percentage gain. In the industrials, oils, tobaccos, aircrafts, electric appliances, chemicals and a host of specialties had good gains, and the average was up \$1.04. Utilities improved 23 cents, reflecting numerous small gains.

Volume, however, continued light, with 1,250,000 shares traded.

The about-face was seen as a technical adjustment of an over-sold market condition, observers said.

In the oils, Shell ran up 1½, Texas Pacific Coal and Oil, Texas Pacific Land Trust and Amerasia 1½ each.

Tobaccos came back strongly, with gains of a point in Philip Morris, ¾ in American Tobacco, ½ in Liggett & Myers.

Steel was firm. Of 1,090 issues traded today, 580 advanced, 220 declined and 281 were unchanged. There were 11 new highs set, 9 new lows.

The NY Stock Exchange bond volume was \$9,750,000. The American Stock Exchange volume was 360,000 shares.

Dow Jones closing averages were:

Jan. 12

30 Industrials 220.17

20 Rails 96.82

10 Utilities 52.89

40 Stocks 104.77

40 Bonds 113.33

Comm. future price index 113.33

—United Press.

New York Sugar Market

New York, Jan. 12.

World No. 4 sugar futures closed today unchanged to 1 point lower with sales of 50 contracts.

Domestic No. 6 sugar futures closed unchanged to one point lower with sales of 185 contracts. Future closings:—

Contract No. 4 (world)

March 3.20½

May 3.20

July 3.20

September 3.20

December 3.20

Spot (cents per lb. for Cuba) 3.20

Contract No. 6

March 5.45½

May 5.45

July 5.45

September 5.45

November 5.45

Spot (cents per lb. for Cuba) 5.50

—United Press.

CHICAGO GRAIN FUTURES

Chicago, Jan. 12.

Closing prices per bushel in cents:

Wheat, No. 2, red 208½

Spot 208½

March 208½ (11) 208½ (L) 208½

May 208

July 208½

September 208½

Corn, No. 2, yellow 157½

Spot 157½

March 157½

May 157½

July 157½

September 157½

New York No. 2, 200 lbs. sack \$13.80

—United Press.

HK Bank Dividend

The Directors of The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation announce that out of the profits of the Bank for the year ending December 31, 1953, a final dividend of £3 per share (net after deduction of Hongkong Corporation Profits Tax) will be paid, leaving a balance of approximately \$9,870,000 to be carried forward. The sum of \$4,000,000 has been written off Bank-Premises Account. The accounts are still subject to audit.

New York Cotton

New York, Jan. 12.

Closing prices:

Spot 22.50

March 22.50

May 22.50

July 22.50

September 22.50

December 22.50

—United Press.

TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

Markets & Employment May Be Bigger Problem Than Dollars Soon

BUSINESSMEN NEED TO KEEP WITS ABOUT THEM

By Sydney S. Campell
Reuter's Financial Editor

London, Jan. 12.

Caution and competition are the likeliest characteristics of world business in 1954. With good luck and good management it may be a satisfactory year for the U.S. economy and therefore for world economy.

But at best it faces some difficult transitions. To negotiate them safely, governments and businessmen will need alert and flexible policies. Unemployment may cause more anxiety than dollars. By the end of the year, for the first time since the war, the British Chancellor of the Exchequer and other finance ministers may have stopped worrying about dollars and be worried about markets and employment instead.

So far the United States is having most of its readjustment at home, and it seems likely to stay there. In 1949 a similar U.S. readjustment mainly affected the balance of payments of other countries and culminated in the waves of devaluations of sterling and other currencies. But nothing of that nature can be foreseen in 1954. Later in the year conditions may give rise to rumours not of devaluation but of up-valuation of sterling against the dollar.

Given a reasonably prosperous year in the U.S., the outlook for the non-dollar countries would be quite good. Germany, for example, should be able to go on regaining her export markets without wrecking Britain's.

By and large, that is what has been happening. Cases of undercutting and unfair competition, real or alleged, attract most publicity, but they are probably exceptions.

Always with the proviso about the U.S., such countries as France and Japan should be able to surmount their remaining inflationary problems without too much anxiety for their balance of payments.

Some of the Latin American countries still have tough inflationary problems but Argentina and Brazil have applied some realistic remedies. They have already shown some results in Argentina. They may help Brazil as the year progresses.

CURVES RISING

For the U.S., which is the pivot of the economy of the non-Communist world, officials express confidence that 1954 will rank second only to the all-time records of 1953, and that the business curves will be rising again well before the end of the year. Since a continuous inflationary boom is ruled out, and would have been ruinous in the end, these predictions are as good as could reasonably be expected.

In the aftermath of half a dozen booms which all bunched together, the U.S. is in transition from an over-land to a reasonable load—stepping down from abnormal to normal. So far, the process has been orderly. There is always a danger of the pendulum temporarily swinging too far. Washington's most effective anti-slump remedy may be tax cuts. Washington undoubtedly has the will to avert any serious setback, since a depression might not merely defeat but destroy the Republican Party. The consensus of unofficial as well as official economists is that Washington also has the means, if it is alert to apply them in time.

UNINSPIRING MARKETS

The Soviet bloc's problems of economic readjustment are probably more serious than those of the U.S. But they are less important to the non-Communist world. Some of them have compensations, as for example the way in which Russia's need to sell gold has helped Britain to meet her burdensome end-year debt payments to the U.S. and Canada.

Markets are likely to be uninspiring. Not having got drunk during the boom, Wall-Street has no hangover in the aftermath—a great improvement on 1929. Commodities range from scarcity in cocoa and coffee to superabundance in wheat, cotton and oil.

In general, the inflationary Korea boom having already been squeezed out, it does not have to be squeezed out again. If things go wrong in the more competitive conditions, need to danger of dumping, particularly of the U.S. farm surpluses. Given average weather, the supposed restrictions on the wheat and cotton crops are perhaps likelier to enlarge than to reduce the surpluses.

All told, officials and businessmen will need to keep their wits about them in 1954.—Reuter.

US COMMODITY MARKETS

New York, Jan. 12.

Strength in import items featured the commodity trading today with cocoa and coffee in the lead.

Domestic items moved irregularly. Grains closed lower.

At Chicago, wheat closed off ½ to 1 cent, soybeans off 1½ to 2 cents.

As Washington, which was closed, 1-150 1 cent per bushel for No. 2 (hard) and No. 3 (soft) wheat, and No. 2 (hard) soybeans, 1-100 1 cent.—United Press.

Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local monetary exchange market at the following rates:

U.S. dollar 1.00

British pound 2.82

Swiss franc 2.00

French franc 6.55

German mark 3.36

Italian lira 20.36

Japanese yen 360.00

—United Press.

Aden Refinery May Start Before 1955

Aden, Jan. 12.

A new Anglo-Iranian Oil Company refinery with 5,000,000 tons a year capacity, is expected to start operating here before the end of this year.

The total cost is estimated at £45 million.

The cost is heavy but the AIOC believes it will be justified by the saving in freight costs when the refinery gets going. The refinery is being built in the desert 20 miles from this busy port and is nearing completion.

It was started early in 1952 after the British-owned AIOC had been expelled from Iran and its giant Abadan Refinery, which had a capacity of 25 million tons a year, was closed down.

REPLACING ABADAN

An inspection of the work showed that no expense had been spared to get the new refinery into operation as soon as possible to replace some of the loss suffered by the closure of the Abadan plant.

The site chosen is close to the Persian Gulf oil fields and adjacent to this ship bunkering port for vessels passing through the Suez Canal.

A high proportion—some two million tons—of the Aden refinery's output will be fuel oil for the Aden bunkers.

More highly refined products will go to East Africa, India, Pakistan and Ceylon.

British and Dutch engineers are building the harbour and an American team of oil specialists directing the refinery construction.—China Mail Special.

Singapore Rubber Market

Singapore, Jan. 12.

The market was quiet until towards the close when it stood on little enquiry with sellers reserved.

Future closings:—

No. 1 rubber per lb. Jan. 56½-58½

Feb. 56½-58½

Mar. 56½-58½

No. 2 rubber per lb. Jan. 56½-58½

Feb. 56½-58½

Mar. 56½-58½

Spot unbleached 56½-58½

Blanket crepe 56½-58½

No. 1 pale crepe 56½-58½

—United Press.

LONDON MARKET

London, Jan. 12.

The rubber market was quiet with No. 1 RSS spot quoted at 17½ pence per lb. Prices:

No. 1 spot RSS 17-17½

Settlement house term: 17-17½

Feb. 17-17½

March 17-17½

April/May 17-17½

General markets, cif basis, ports: 17-17½

Jan. 17-17½

Feb. 17-17½

Mar. 17-17½

—United Press.

NEW YORK MARKET

New York, Jan. 12.

Rubber futures today closed unchanged to 5 points higher with sales of five contracts.

The dull situation prevailing in the market since the holidays show little sign of a break-up today, dealers said.

Spot No. 1 RSS were quoted at 20½ cents a pound. Future closings:

March 20.25

May 20.25

July 20.25

Sept. 20.25

Dec. 20.25

—United Press.

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JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

JUMBLE SALE

IN her life Mary has had more than her share of pain and misery. She has spent many months in nursing homes and hospitals and could hold her own with the best of those—women mostly—whose small talk is all of the relative merits of surgeons.

A gallant lot, these, who, suffering much, put pain in its place by reducing it to a subject for a gossip paragraph.

When the surgeons had finished at last with Mary, she devoted herself to two interests. Her husband who was an invalid too, and good works of a more public kind.

In the town where she lived, people came to rely on Mary. The organizers of charitable functions had always the comfort of her to lean on. At sales of work and jumble sales, garden parties and bazaars, Mary was always around, as permanent a feature as the crescent shy on the white elephant stall.

ANOTHER GOOD CAUSE

HER latest assignment has been to organize a stall in a jumble sale to be held in aid of animal welfare.

Mary gave herself wholeheartedly to the cause. It was in the forefront of her mind when she came up to London the other day to shop.

Shopping, she bought a jumper from a West End store. She paid for it and, waiting for her change, looked about her curiously, thinking how nice it would be if her jumble sale stalls had as much to offer as the store's counters had.

"I wonder if they would notice," she said to herself, "if I there's so much here, they can't ever sell it all, surely."

FOR MY STALL

SHE helped herself to another jumper and a couple of knitted hats—not for herself to wear, but to put on her jumble sale stall. She left the shop.

A store detective followed Mary out, stopped her in the street and said: "I think you have a jumper you haven't paid for." She had not seen the knitted hats being stolen.

Mary was led back to the manager's office, and presently the police were called. Next morning, at Bow Street, Mary, a tall woman, with traces still of the good looks her illnesses had drained away, pleaded guilty to stealing goods valued at £4 0s. 4d.

"It's quite true," she said, when the police had told their story to Mr. Brennan, the magistrate. "I thought these things would do for my stall."

QUITE ABSURD

"BUT suppose everyone who is interested in jumble sales—as many people very properly are—were to say to themselves 'I'll go to a shop and take what I want?' said the magistrate. "Oh, I do so agree with you," said Mary. "I do so agree. It was perfectly absurd of me, quite absurd."

"This is shoplifting," said the magistrate.

"I can't hear what you say, sir," said Mary. "I've been asking everyone for things for the stall for such a long time, now."

"Shoplifting," Mr. Brennan repeated. Mary still seemed not quite to catch the word.

"Quite ridiculous," she said, upbraiding herself.

"You must pay £3 fine and two guineas costs," Mr. Brennan said.

USED TO IT

MARY left. Out of the £7 that was the weekly income she and her husband had, she would find the money somehow. Everything about her told you it would not be her husband that would suffer for her folly, and not the good cause. It would be Mary who would go without things. Suffering was no new thing to her.

Rat - Killing Virus Prize

Manila, Jan. 13. President Maguiness approved the granting of a \$50,000 prize by the government yesterday to any Filipino or foreigner who can discover a virus that will exterminate rats and will kill them outright without harming man, other animals and plants.

Announcement of the prize award was made in an effort to solve the current rat problem plaguing several regions in large and fertile Mindanao Island. As many as 500 rats were reported to infest every 25 square metres in the affected regions.—France-Press.

Still After A Fourth Victim

Coxburg, Miss., Jan. 12. A backwoods Negro trick-shot artist's vow to take "four white men to hell" with him lacked one victim today and Sheriff Richard Ryd said, "Unless we are lucky the Negro will get another man before we get him."

Residents of this tiny Central Mississippi farm community kept indoors or travelled in armed groups, wondering who next would appear in the sights of 28-year-old Eddie Noel's .22 calibre automatic rifle with which he used to shoot matches held between his wife's teeth.

During the weekend he turned the rifle on a grocer, a pursuing deputy and a posse member. Posse members today used roadblocks, an aeroplane and Noel's brother Bernice as a decoy in an attempt to track down the killer. Yesterday his three-room shack was destroyed after a gas bomb set fire to it.

The hazy Negro was last seen in the woods, shirtless despite the freezing weather.—United Press.

Sent Out By Mother To Hawk

"Did you hawk?"—"Yes." "Then why did you plead not guilty?" Mr. Hin-shing Lo asked a Chinese boy, charged with hawking, at Central this morning.

"Because I am a juvenile, I'm only 15 years old," replied the youth.

Laughter rippled through the courtroom.

The magistrate asked the boy who sent him to hawk and who gave him the goods to sell. "My mother," was the prompt reply.

At this, Mr. Lo warned the Court spectators, "You must not corrupt your youngsters. They should be sent to school." The boy was cautioned and discharged, but his \$2 worth of goods were confiscated.

Radio Hongkong

H.K.T. 6. Time Signal and Programme Summary: 6.03, Lucky 20; 6.15, Variety Requests presented by Margherita (Studio); 6.30, Weather Report; 7. Time Signal and News; 7.15, Time Signal; 7.30, News Talk (London Relay); 7.45, Special Announcements; 7.55, Orah, the Week—Philharmonia Symphony Orchestra; 8.00, Violin Recital by Maurice Clare Moya Rea (Concert Hall); 8.15, Time Signal; 8.30, News; 8.45, News; 9.00, News; 9.15, News; 9.30, News; 9.45, News; 10.00, News; 10.15, News; 10.30, News; 10.45, News; 11.00, News; 11.15, News; 11.30, Close Down.

Indo-China War

French Stronghold Surrounded

Rushing Supplies To Defenders

Hanoi, Jan. 12. The strongly fortified Franco-Vietnam stronghold of Dien Bien Phu, some 200 miles west of Hanoi, is now believed to have been surrounded by Vietminh forces entrenched in the dense jungle country at the foot-hills of the mountains overlooking the fortress.

Patrol or fatigue parties leaving the area are now fired upon within five minutes of entering the foothills from all sides and the estimation in Dien Bien Phu is that the Vietminh have between one and three divisions laying siege to this highly strategic centre, the capture of which would open up Communist communications from China to the Thai country and Laos.

The general feeling in French High Command circles is that Ho Chi-minh has diverted about 40,000 men to the Dien Bien Phu sector.

AIR-DROPS

Advanced positions around the town are being supplied by air-drops from "Flying Boxcars" and some 12,000 tons of barbed wire has already been parachuted down this way.

With the despatch of supplies now reaching tremendous proportions, the feeling is that Dien Bien Phu can now stand several days against any determined onslaught of the Vietminh forces.

Still fighting was reported today from southern Vietnam, where three positions were overrun by the Vietminh and re-captured after bitter hand-to-hand combat.

One post was at Chomol, about 90 miles to the south-west of Saigon. The second was in the Suoi Trang area, some 200 miles to the west of Saigon and the third at Tay Ninh, 65 miles to the north.

On the main fronts, the full continued, especially in the central Laos sector.

At Seno, French Union troops have been ordered back into the town for regrouping by General Andre Franconi.

SUPPLIES CAPTURED

Vietminh forces there have shown no inclination to come out into the open for battle and the area command is waiting to see what the rebels intend to do.

Most important event in the Seno sector today was the capture by French Union forces of a considerable amount of Vietminh supplies, abandoned by the Communists.

A clash was reported in the Moung Kheua area, some 65 miles from the royal capital of Laos, Luang Prabang. A Franco-Vietnam unit broke through a Vietminh attacking force which had tried to block its progress.

Meanwhile, all eyes are on Dien Bien Phu, where the French Union defenders are digging in in the face of an expected Vietminh assault.—France-Press.

Red Diplomats Arrive

Three Communist Chinese diplomats of the Chinese Embassy to Burma, accompanied by their relatives, seven in all, arrived here from Rangoon in the mv Anshun this morning on route to China.

The three diplomats were Mr. Hsiao Li, Mr. Chen Hsien-lien and Mr. Huang Yung-chun.

The diplomats refused to be interviewed, saying they were very busy and had no time.

What's Her Line? Solution

GAG WRITER

London Express Service

Knighthood For Sculptor



Camera-shy sculptor Jacob Epstein arriving one night last week at a West End restaurant. This was the first picture taken of him since he was knighted in the New Year Honours list.—Daily Express photo.

New US Military Policies

(Continued from Page 1)

Staff shape our military establishment to it what is our policy, instead of having to try to be ready to meet the enemy's many choices. That permits of a selection of military means. As a result, it is now possible to get and shore more basic security at less cost."

Mr. Dulles said the Eisenhower Administration had applied this concept to foreign policy in the Far East by effecting the "major transformation" of the Korean armistice.

"That was possible because the aggressor, already thrown back to and behind his place of fighting, was faced with the possibility that the fighting might to his own great peril soon spread beyond the limits and methods which he had selected," he said.

ADDED AUTHORITY

The Korean armistice also meant that United States forces were no longer largely committed to the Asian mainland and that this country could begin to create a strategic reserve which greatly improved its defensive posture.

This change gives added authority to the warning of the members of the United Nations which sought in Korea that if the Communists renewed the aggression, the United Nations response would not necessarily be confined to Korea," he added.

Referring to the decision to maintain United States troops on the former Japanese island possession of Okinawa, Mr. Dulles said: "This is needed to ensure moderate striking power to implement the collective security concept which I described."

Turning to Western Europe, Mr. Dulles said that readjustments were being made in the collective security effort of the North Atlantic Treaty Alliance.

He said the NATO emergency build up in the first years of its existence had served the cause of peace, but the pace originally set could not be maintained indefinitely.

He described the United States concept of NATO's role as the "long haul"—a steady development of defence

strength at a rate which would preserve, and not exhaust, the economic strength of the United States and the Allies.

"This would be reinforced by the striking power of a strategic air force based on internationally agreed positions," he said.

IN JEOPARDY

Calling for quick ratification of the six-nation European Defence Community treaty, which would bring West German military contingents into the defence system of Western Europe, Mr. Dulles declared:

"Western Europe cannot be successfully defended without a defence of West Germany. West Germany cannot be defended without help from the Germans. German participation is excluded by the armistice arrangements still in force."

"Until the goals of EDC are achieved, NATO, and indeed future peace, are in jeopardy. Distrust between France and Germany is inflammable and already Communist agents are looking to it as a means for international arson."

There were three main points of distinction between that case and the present agreement, contended Mr. McNeill. Firstly the clauses of the two were quite different in almost every point, secondly the United Kingdom Rest Restriction Act in connection with which the Court of Appeal construed the Finkini agreement were different from the Hongkong Ordinance in one or two material aspects; thirdly if one took the circumstances existing at the time the present agreement was made, the circumstances had no parallel over in the Finkini case and clearly pointed to an intention not to create a tenancy.

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Mr. McNeill submitted that the laundry agreement meant that the appellant was to employ the respondent and in consideration of this the respondent was to serve the appellant. This was quite clear without any ambiguity and the only question the Court had to decide was what the agreement meant, not whether it was a sham or not. There was no suggestion of any tenancy in the agreement, the only connection was the word "tenantable" in the clause stipulating that the respondent was to keep the premises in a state of "tenantable repair" in fact a clause clearly stated that the appellant was not to part with possession of the premises. The laundry business which the respondent was to run was that belonging to the appellant, according to the agreement, and the premises concerned were business premises.

LANDLORD & TENANT DECISION DISPUTED

An appeal against the decision of Judge Blair-Kerr who found in favour of the defendant in a dispute over possession of the Dun How Wah Laundry, of 157B Wing Lok Street, was brought before the Full Court comprising Mr Justice T. J. Gould and Mr Justice C. W. Reece this morning.

Judge Blair-Kerr held that the true relationship between the appellant (plaintiff) Li Cheong of 176H Queen's Road Central, and the defendant (respondent) Wong Kar-tong, of 84 Chung Yeung Street was that of landlord and tenant.

The plaintiff had claimed that he employed the defendant to run his laundry business, but at the expiration of the agreement defendant refused to leave the premises. The defendant had contended that the premises were rented to him by the plaintiff.

The appellant is asking for a reversal of Judge Blair-Kerr's ruling, mesne profits and all costs from the respondent.

Mr. John McNeill QC, and Miss B. K. Seale, instructed by Mr F. H. Losoby, appear for the appellant and Mr R. W. S. Winter, instructed by Mr P. H. Sin and Co., is for the respondent.

Mr. McNeill said that when the case began, according to the Judge's notes, Miss Seale had said that the defendant had alleged that the agreement made on May 12, 1952 for a year, was a sham, but that argument had appeared to be abandoned, and the only point at the end of the case was upon the construction of that agreement.

Where there was an agreement the Court had to look at the agreement and construe, said Mr. McNeill. If there was any blatant ambiguity in the agreement then the Court might look at the surrounding circumstances in order to ascertain the intention of the parties, but it was not permitted to ask the parties their intention or what they meant or understood by certain words in the agreement.

GAVE NO REASONS

Mr. McNeill said that the Judge came to the conclusion that the true construction of the agreement was one between landlord and tenant and that the defendant was not a licensee. But he appeared to have given no reasons and one did not know whether he took into consideration the mass of evidence before him, a large part of which, Counsel, submitted, was inadmissible for the purpose of the decision which the Judge reached.

Mr. McNeill said that Mr. Winter, in the lower Court, in arguing the point of whether the true construction of the agreement was that the parties intended to create a tenancy or whether it was a service agreement, relied on a modern case, Finkini v. Bryson.

Finkini, an ice-cream manufacturer, made an agreement with his assistant Bryson permitting him to occupy a dwelling-house and premises and it was held this was a tenancy in spite of a stipulation that nothing in the agreement should be construed as a tenancy.

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On the other hand, continued Mr. McNeill in the Finkini case the premises included a dwelling-house and there was a covenant that Bryson would not sub-let or part with possession of the premises, and another clause that he would give up premises at the end of the tenancy.

The appeal is continuing.

Counsel Criticises Arrest

"The Police misused their very extensive powers of arrest when they arrested my client," said Mr. Y. C. Kwan before Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central this morning.

The manner in which defendant was arrested, without any commensurate sense of proportion, fingerprinted and put on bail of \$300, is bound to have the effect of shaking the confidence of the public," continued Mr. Kwan.

Furthermore, I submit, that this is not a criminal case and my client should have been served a summons.

WASTED WATER CHARGE

Mr. Kwan's client, Tang Shao-ming, 49, of 37 Tin Hau Temple Road, third floor, was charged with having negligently allowed water to be wasted at 7 a.m. this morning.

Insp. W.E.B. Howell, Court Prosecutor, outlined the case. He said that at 7 o'clock this morning a complaint was received at Bay View Police Station that water was dripping from 37 Tin Hau Temple Road, third floor. A constable, who was sent to investigate, saw water dripping down the staircase from the premises in question, and the second floor of the building was flooded.

Enquiries led to the arrest of defendant, who admitted being the occupier of the flat.

Mr. Kwan then asked for dispensation of bail, since there was no case to answer, and he maintained that defendant should not have been charged in the first place.

This application was not accepted by the Court, but bail was reduced to \$100 and hearing was fixed for 2.30 p.m. on February 9.

Stabbed PC Recovering

Chan Yiu, PC 4175, who was stabbed in the chest on Sunday night, and is now in Queen Mary Hospital, is expected to recover, it was learned this morning.

He was stabbed on Sunday in Blue Pool Road, Happy Valley, by a man whom he and PC 4099 had arrested for stealing wire. Four suspects have been detained for enquiries.

Extensive searching has been carried out at the scene of the crime, but the weapon which was used, a triangular file, has so far not been found.

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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13
By Air
Japan, 6 p.m.
Formosa, 5 p.m.
Thailand, Burma, India, Ceylon, Malaya, Singapore, 5 p.m.
New Zealand, 5 p.m.
By Surface
Japan, 6 p.m.
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Thailand, Burma, India, Ceylon, Malaya, Singapore, 5 p.m.
New Zealand, 5 p.m.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 14
India, Ceylon, 9 a.m.
Thailand, Burma, Pakistan, Middle East, 8 a.m.
Europe, 10 a.m.
Philippines, 11 a.m.
Japan, Nippon, 5 p.m.
Formosa, 1 p.m.
Guam, Hawaii, U.S.A., 1 p.m.
Canada, 1 p.m.
Okinawa, Japan, U.S.A., 8 p.m.
Canada, 8 p.m.
Philippines, 9 p.m.
By Surface
China, People's Republic, 8.30 a.m.
Japan, 2 p.m.
Malaya, Ceylon, India, Aden, Middle East, Great Britain & Europe, 5 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 15
Thailand, Burma, India, Ceylon, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain & Europe, 9 a.m.
Formosa, Japan, Korea, 1 p.m.
Japan, Nippon, 5 p.m.
Formosa, 1 p.m.
Guam, Hawaii, U.S.A., 1 p.m.
Canada, 1 p.m.
Okinawa, Japan, U.S.A., 8 p.m.
Canada, 8 p.m.
Philippines, 9 p.m.
By Surface
China, People's Republic, 8.30 a.m.

Had Dangerous Drugs

Cheng Sik-hung, 30-year-old manager of the Kwong Sang Tong Medicine Firm, was fined \$800 by Mr. T. Creedon at Kowloon this morning for unauthorized possession of penicillin, substances and dangerous drugs.

Insp. W. Gillies said that on January 12, the Police raided the firm, and discovered the penicillin, some Part 1 poison and five ampoules of pethidine hydrochloride.

Defendant pleaded guilty to the charges.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Here, come, daddy, with the new, baby, better. Now, remember, three of you hide until after we've left the house!"

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Men, The Better Sleepers

Allensbach, W. G. Jan. 12. Men sleep better than women in West Germany and in West Berlin, according to a public poll taken by the Institute for Democracy.

Twenty-seven per cent of the people questioned said they needed drugs. There were twice as many women as men among them.—Reuter.

Really Something Out Of The Bag

Berlin, Jan. 12. An Army barracks bag is noted for what a GI can cram into it. A military policeman opened one today and found a petite German girl.

MP Sgt. E. Salazar kicked the bag as he made a routine inspection aboard the Berlin-bound US military train at the East-west crossing point of Helmsdorf. A muffled squeal came from the bag.

Sgt. Salazar investigated and out crawled a pretty brunette, Maria Pawlik.

Miss Pawlik had been smuggled aboard the train by Private Charles Goodman. She had been taken off a bus for Berlin when the Soviet Zone authorities found she did not have the necessary travel papers.

The girl said Goodman felt sorry for her and allowed her to cram her five feet and 80 pounds into the olive drab bag along with his clothes and other possessions.

She was put off the train.—United Press.